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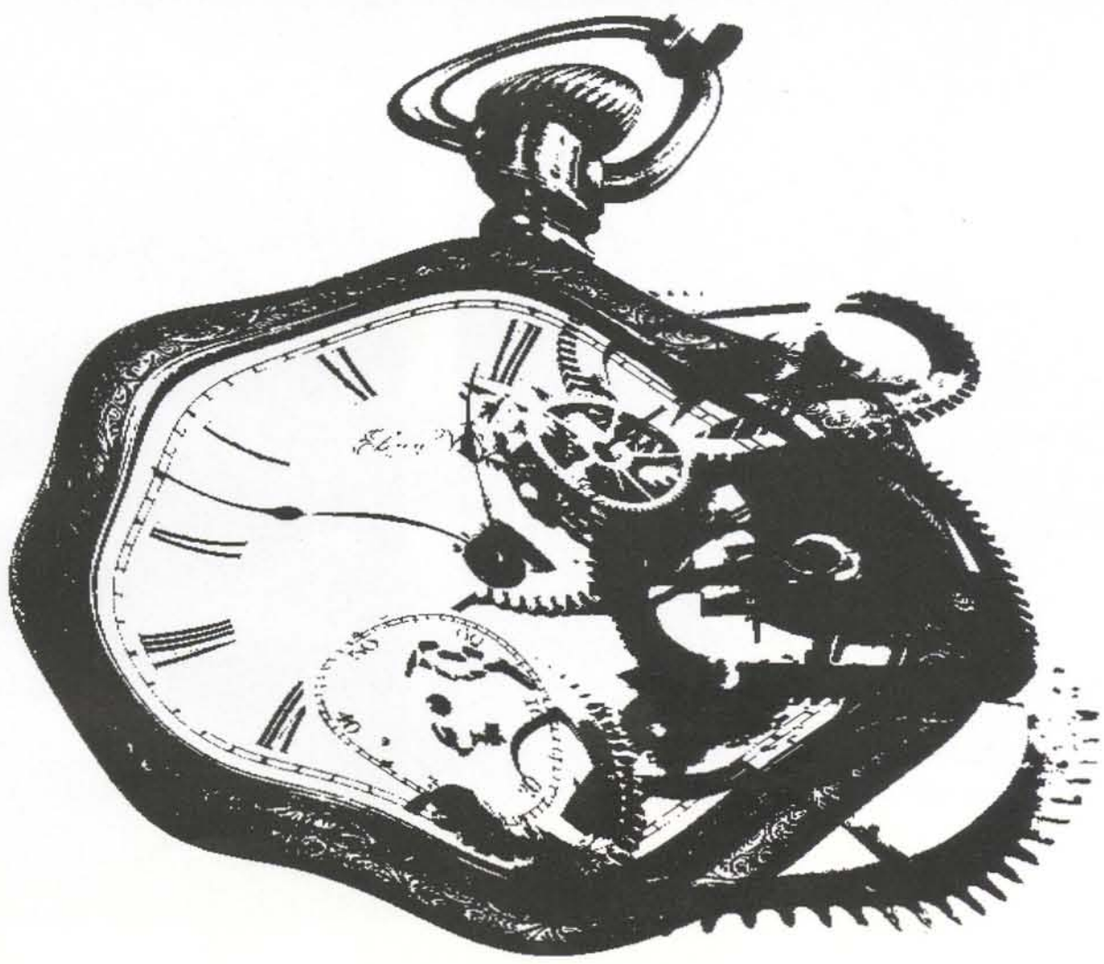


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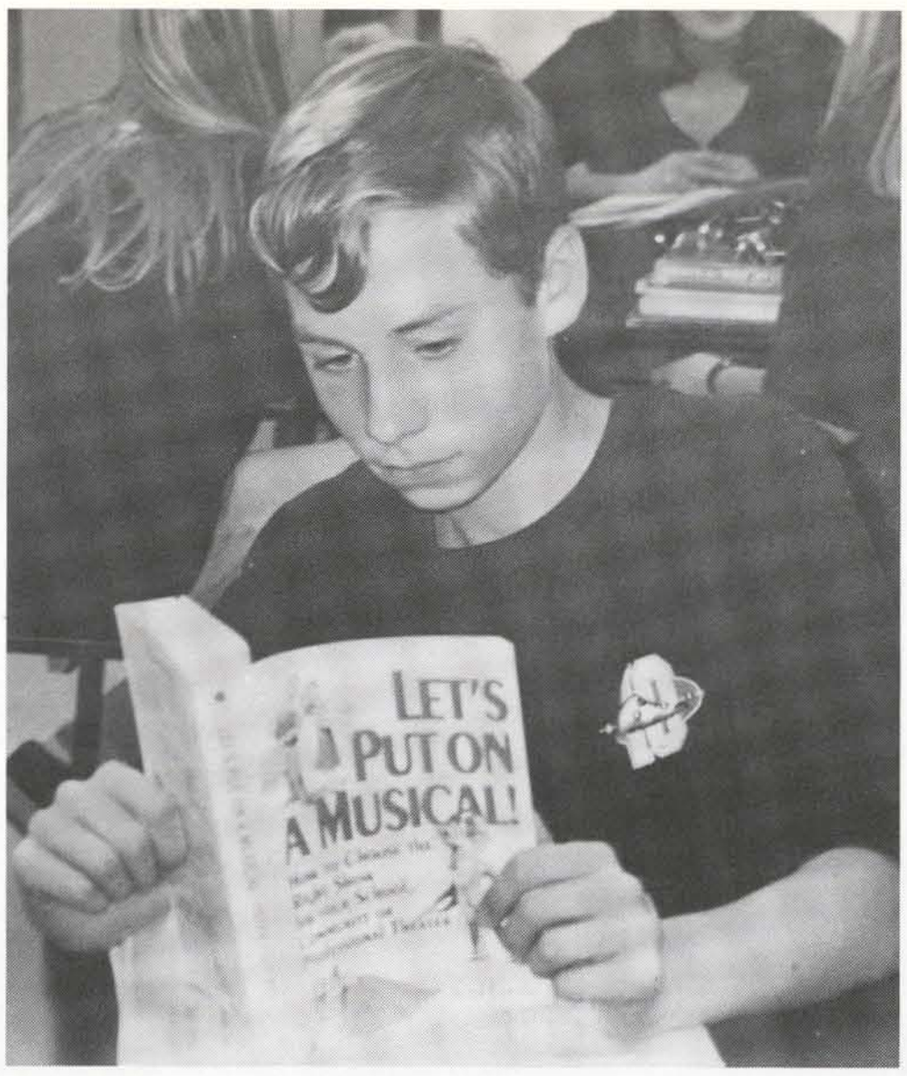
Right: In September, freshman Tim Holbrook is already anticipating the future of U-High theatre. In preparation for the spring musical, he was reading a book that outlined several musicals and how to choose between them.

Below: Senior Amanda McKnight searches for the answers to life's enigmas in fortune cookies. The wise snack told her, "Your troubles will cease and fortune will smile upon you."



# *The Future Starts Here...*

Now to wax philosophical for a while; the present exists only for an infinitely small moment. We are always moving into the future, so the future in fact *does* start here.

Whether worrying about the next hour's test or plans for college, the students at U-High continually looked towards the future. While the students eyed the horizon, the Clarion staff had the task of preserving the present for the future. This book, which we now entrust to you, is the product of that task. Read on!

Left: Junior Jason Van-Cauwenberge ponders the future as he stands in the journalism lab. When asked what he saw in his future, Jason replied, "In ten years, I see myself as a successful performing artist in a field yet undetermined."

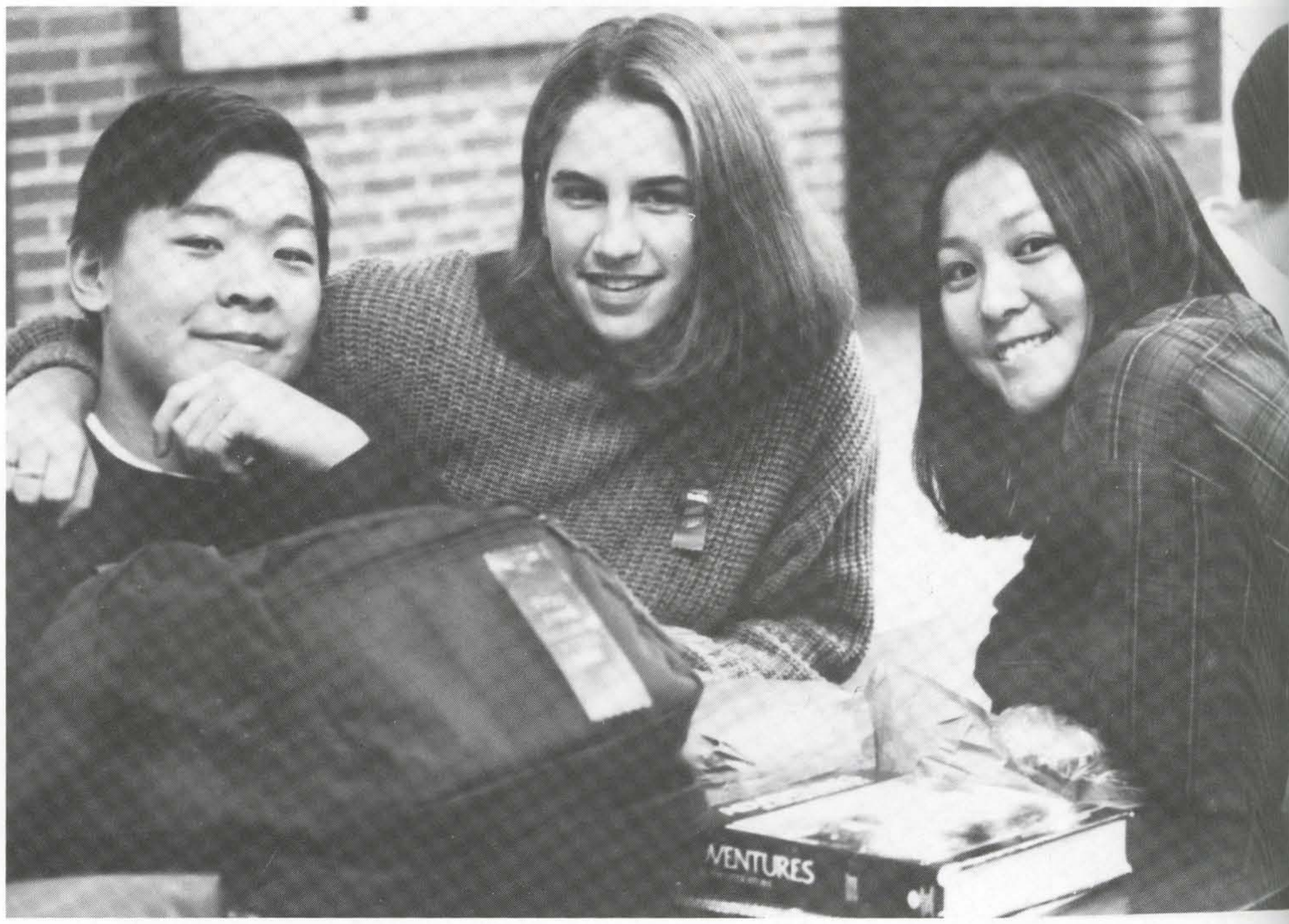
Below: Sophomore Natasha Owen studies her watch to make sure she is not late to her next class. Natasha worked in the ever-popular coke bar.

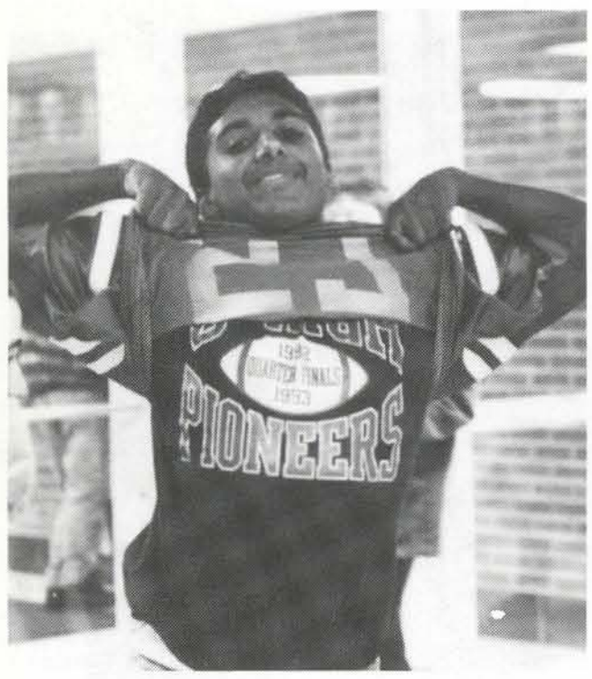
Left: Junior Vicky Roberts attempts to predict her future through the use of tarot cards. Generally, one reading leads to several readings for curious onlookers. When asked about the art of tarot card reading, Vicky said, "I love giving readings, but sometimes it gets so detailed that I give myself a headache."

# Spirit Starts Here

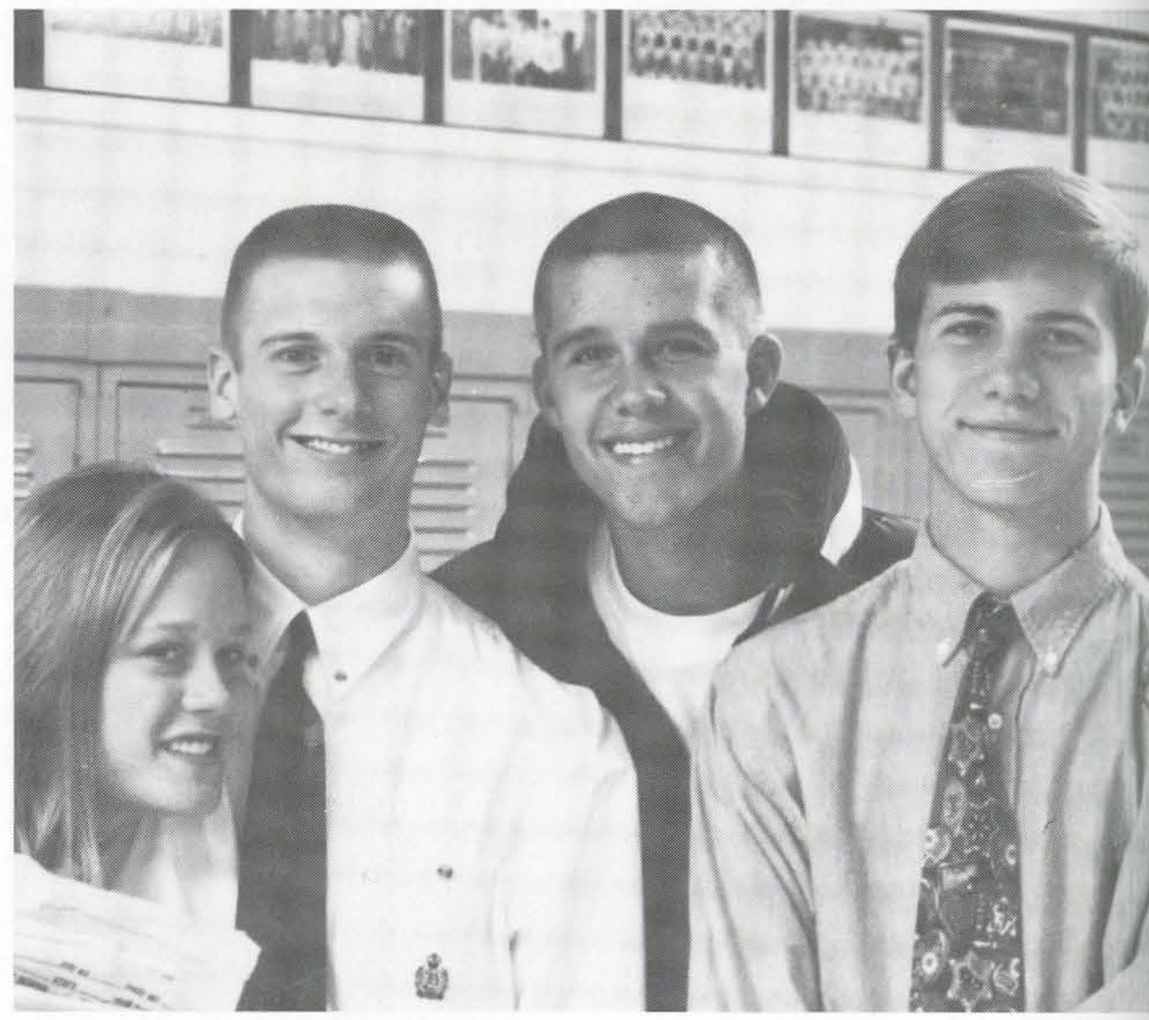
Right: Seniors Kuo Lian, Joni Anderson and Faye Yang prove that they are proud to be drug-free by sporting Red Ribbons during Drug Awareness Week.

Below: Senior Devin Padavil shows that he is a true pioneer, through and through. Looking good, Dev.



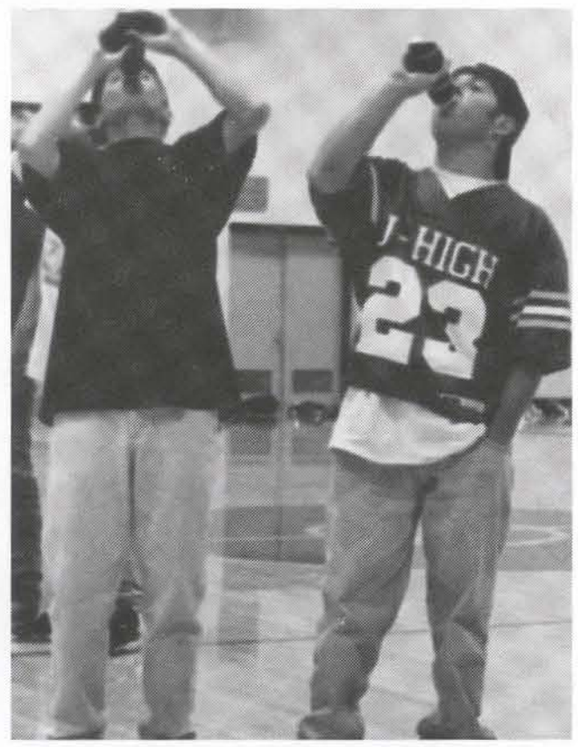


Above: Seniors Nick Cattone, Rob Chester and Kurt Olson can hardly contain their spirit at the Homecoming pep assembly.

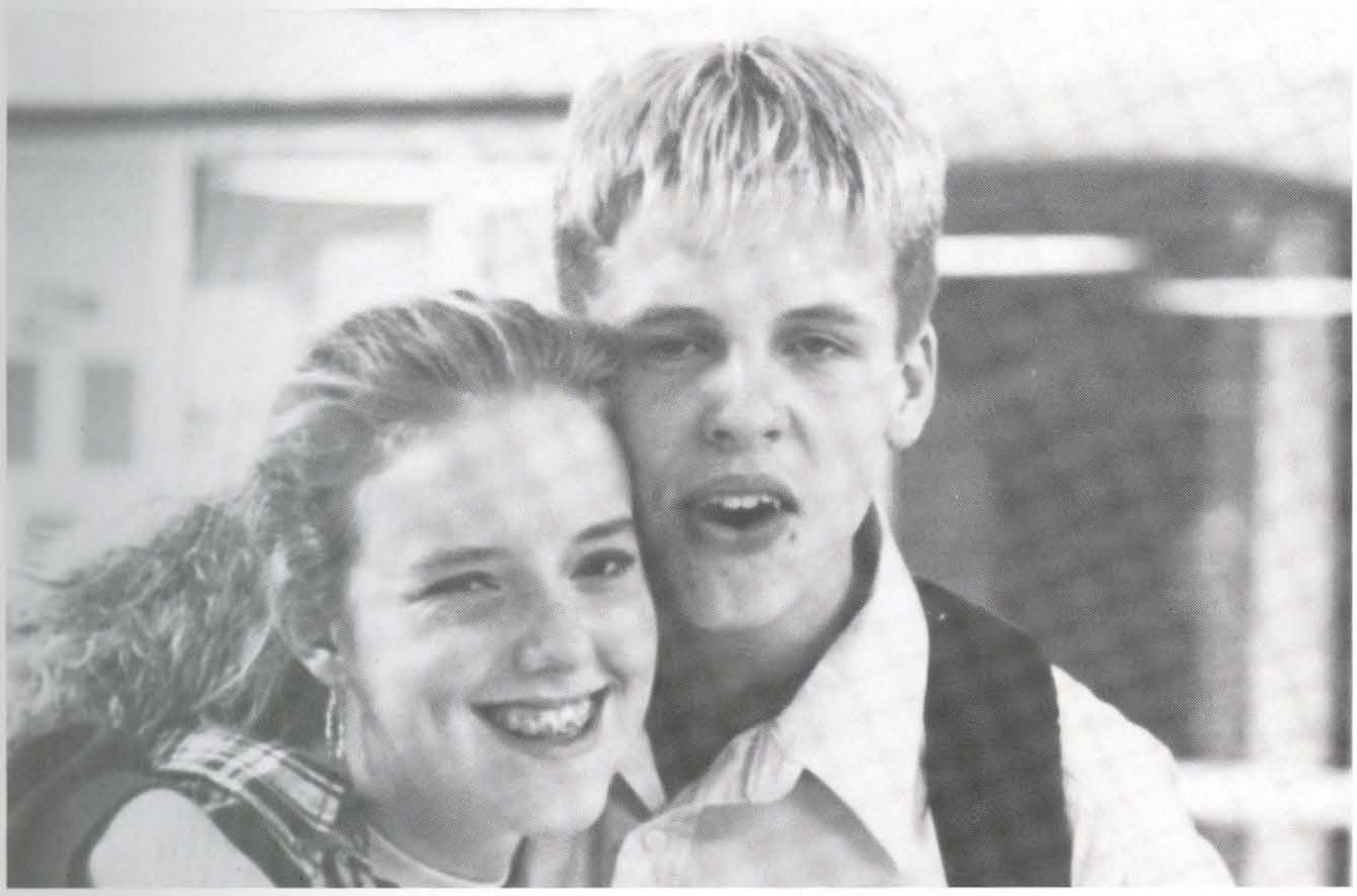


Right: Seniors Carrie Borowski and Darrin York congratulate Adam Milligan and Kurt Olson for their valiant effort in English literature class. The guys were partners in Mrs. Clessons' infamous "Resident Expert" project.

Left: Ray Podesta and Christine O'Connor drench themselves while displaying their senior superiority. They won the class games featured at the spirit-filled Fall Sports pep assembly. In this particular competition, each class lined up four of their most athletic members to see who could pass a glass full of water down the line the fastest. The one catch was that they could only use their mouths.




Left: Sophomores Mark Katz and Joe Schmidt are truly spirited as they prove their manliness. They participated in the "chugging" contest during the class games featured at the Fall Sports assembly. Despite their heroic efforts, the sophomores couldn't beat the senior team of Randy Gannaway and Eric Schlipf. All in all it was a victorious day for the seniors, who were privileged to walk away with the title.



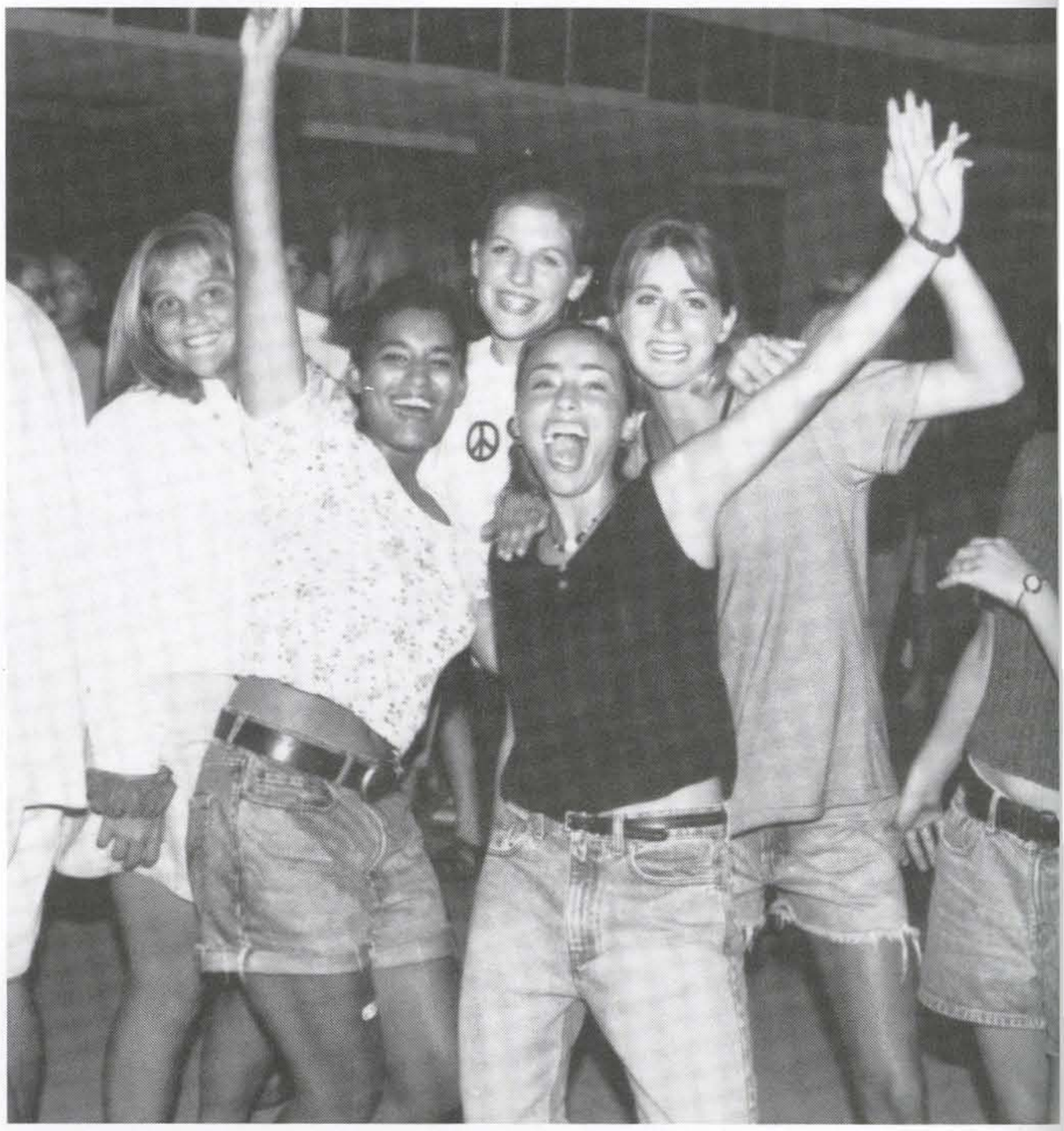
Above: A group of sophomore band members take a break at the Fall Sports pep assembly. The band was a great source of spirit for everyone.

Left: Shannon Sparks and Matt Spears are "psyched" about visiting the Lincoln Developmental center. Every year, about sixty upperclassmen get to attend the highly enlightening psychology field trip.

# Dancing Starts Here!!

In August, U-High students were happily welcomed back to school during the annual Welcome Back Dance. For the first time, many people actually came in costume for the Halloween dance. The music was loud, some people danced (but no moshing, of course), and everyone actually had fun. "The dances start out slow but somehow by the end of the night everyone has fun," said junior Jamie Troutman. Whether you're just hanging with your friends or grooving to the tunes, U-High dances are something to remember. These pictures prove it all.

Below: At this year's Welcome Back dance, juniors Lindsay O'Neil, Molly McCambridge, Rachel Jannusch, Nicole Rainey, and Jessica Hanlon couldn't wait to get back to school .

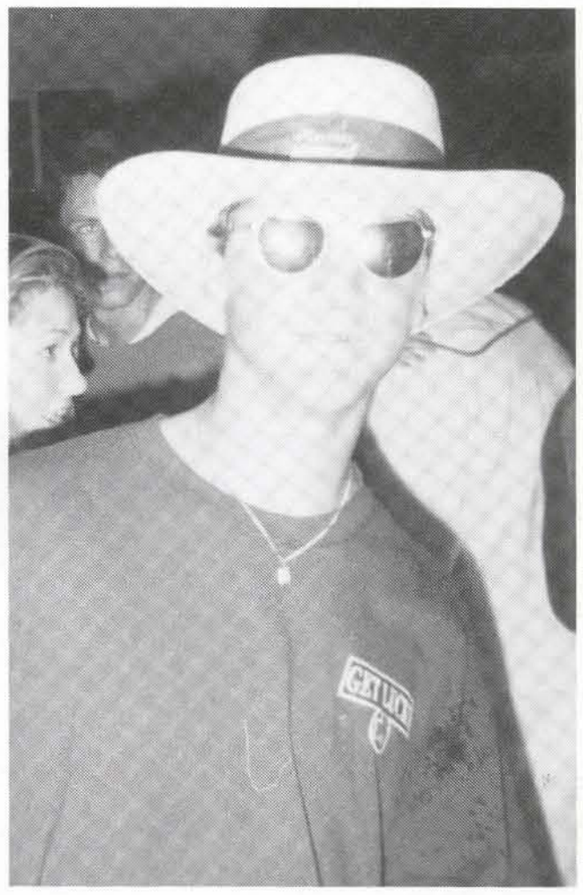


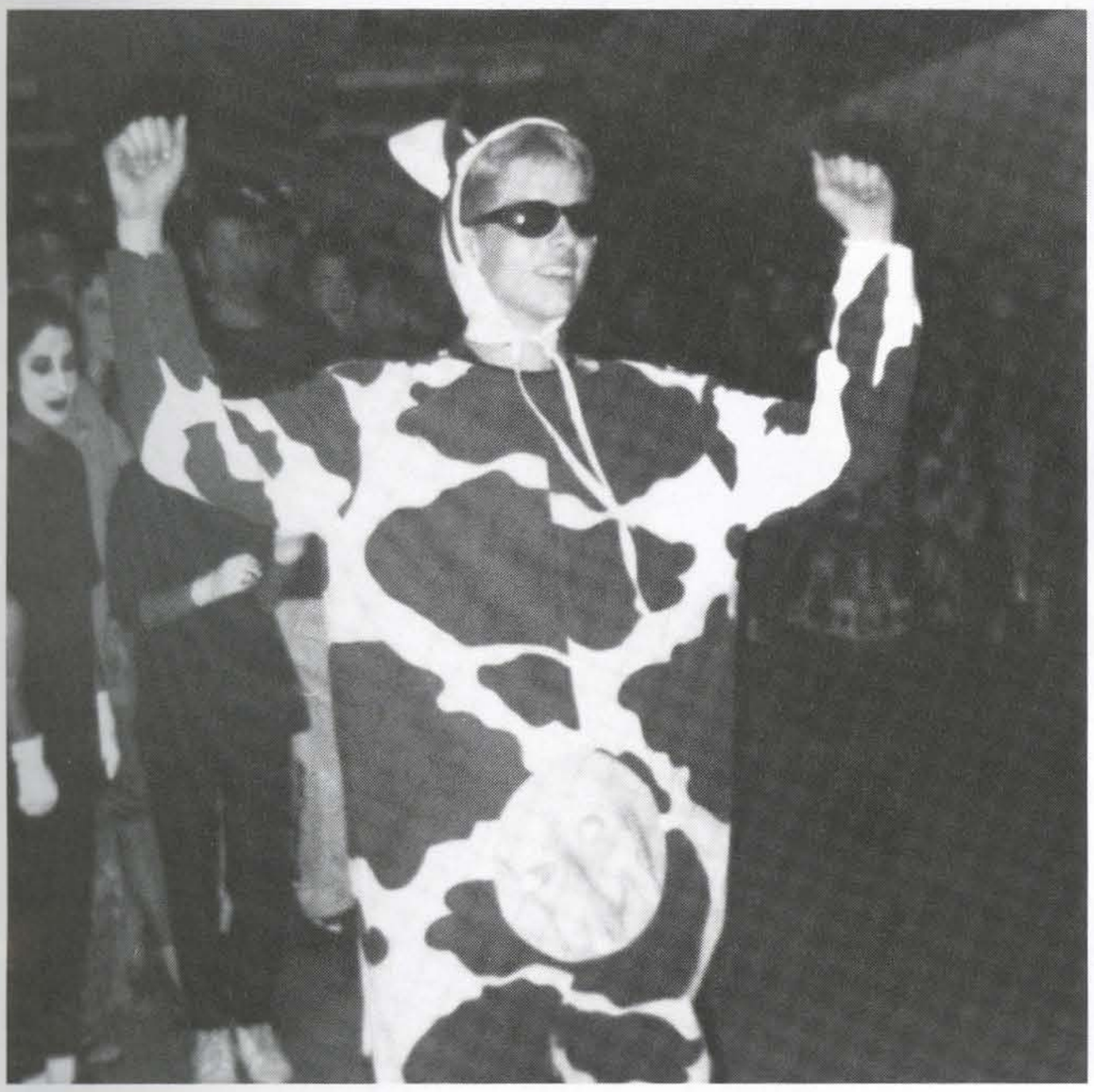
Above: Friends Matt Koglin and Noah Larsen, seniors, and Chris Charlesworth and Paul Brooks, juniors, wore their performance attire from their totally awesome band Hiccup. Matt posed as their manager.

Right: Sophomores Angie Davidson, Bridget Nord, Kristy Corbitt, and Lacey Shirk gave a merry Brady smile for the camera. The four friends were only a few of those students who dressed up at this year's Halloween Dance.

Left: Haunted seniors Mike Perillo, Jon Thompson, and Amy Wilson came back from the grave to dance the night away on Halloween.

Below: Sophomore Pat Milligan showed just how cool he really is in his Halloween costume this year.





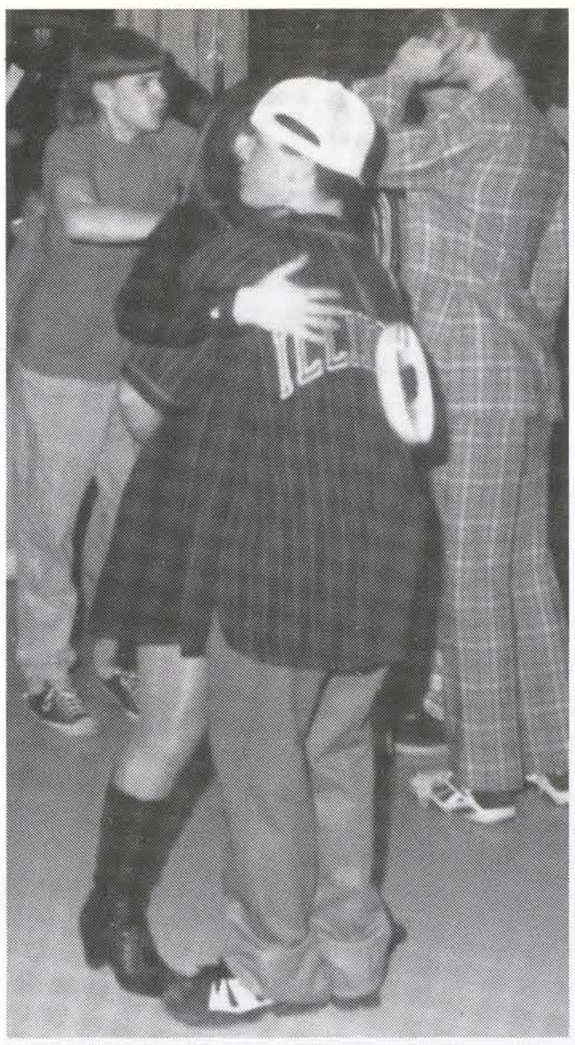
Above: Senior Matt Spears stunned everyone with his udderly funny costume! Spears won first place in the individual costume contest.

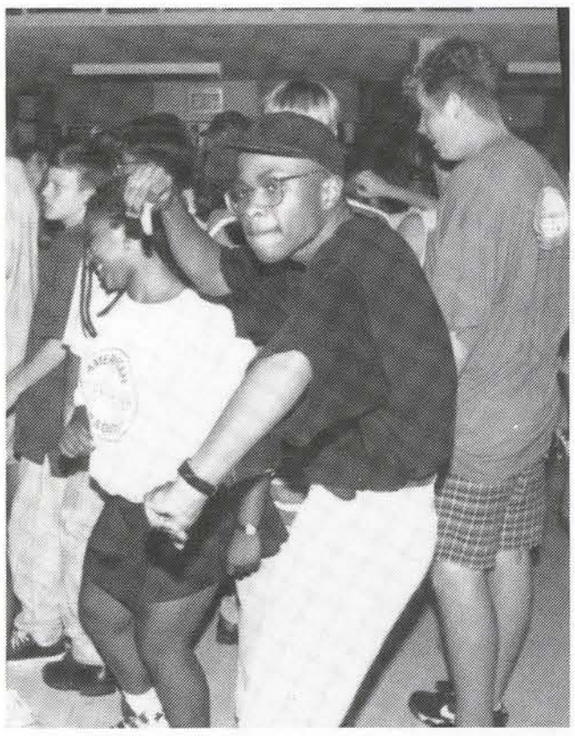
Above: Seniors Aaron Gruzynski, Nick Cottone, Josh McFadden, and Eric Lott show off their stunning good looks and irresistible charm to the camera.

Far Right: Seniors Stephanie Te, Kim Donsbach and Sarah Stuckey get down at the 70s and 80s dance.

Right: Senior Nick Cottone seemed to really have the 80s spirt during March's retro dance.

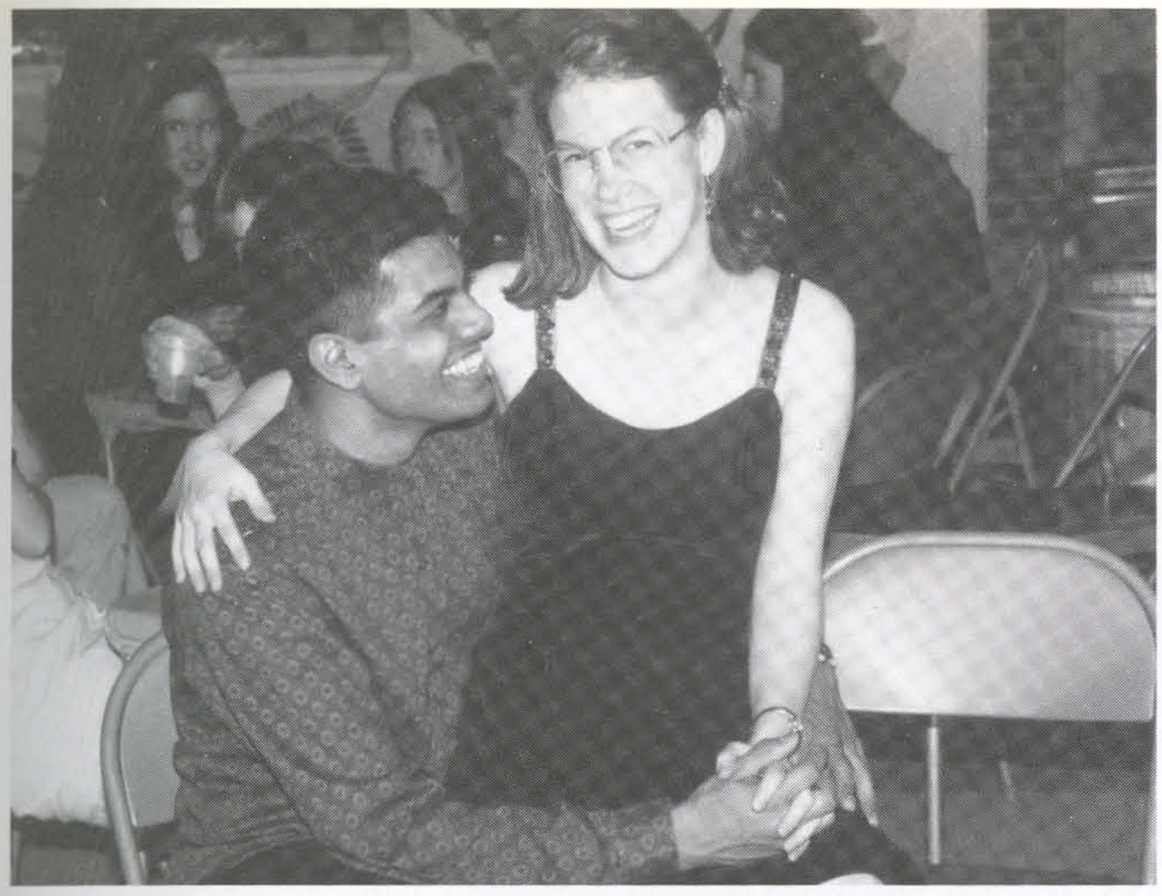
Below: Senior La Marr Williams shows off his groovy moves to a group of friends at the Valentine's Day dance.





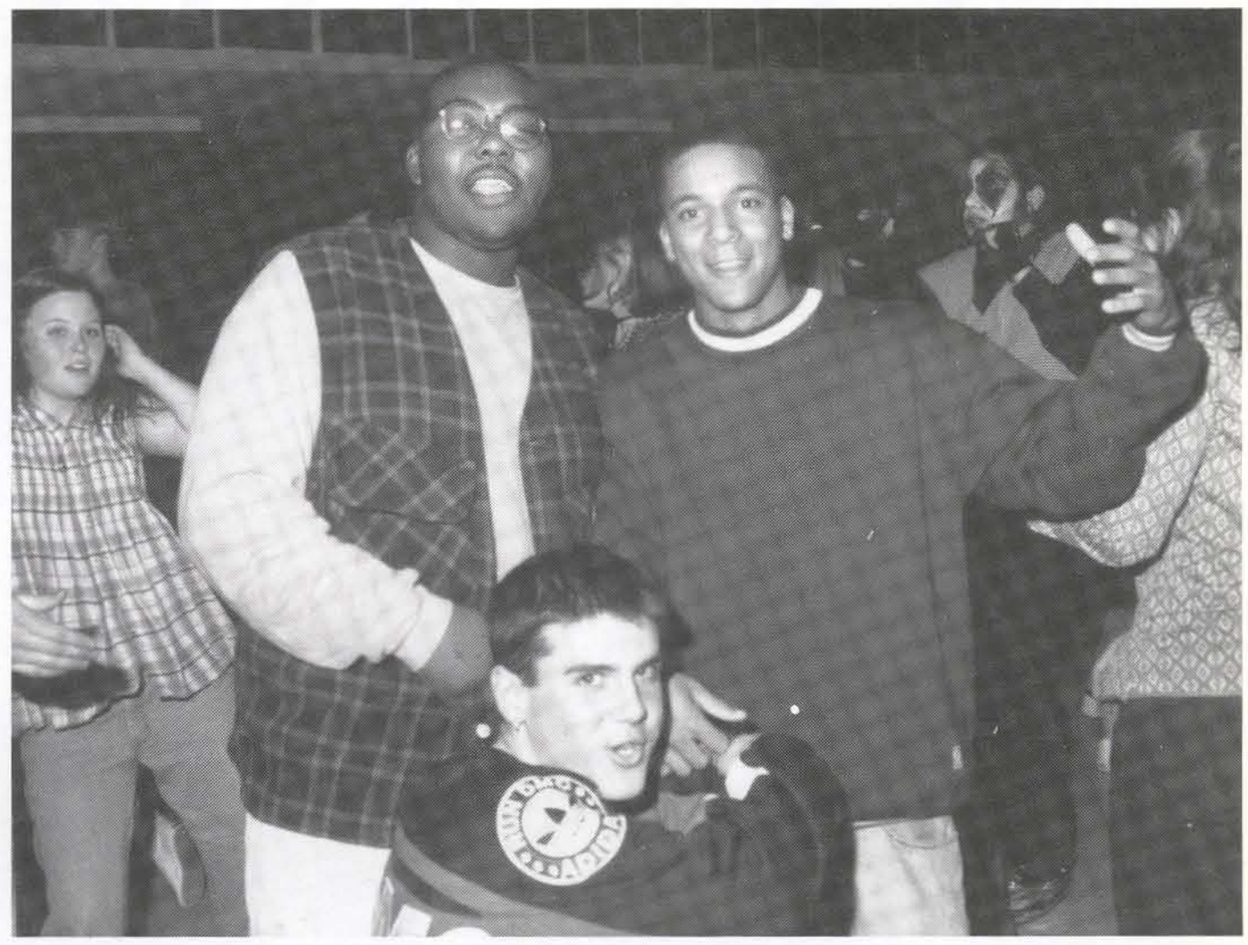
Above: Senior Kristin Hill goes nutty on the dance floor at the 70s and 80s dance. Kristin, like many spirited Pioneers, went to great troubles to dress up and receive her dollar discount for admission.

Above: Junior girls Trisha Henrichs, Kristin Hoepner, Jamie Lutes and Hillary Illif walk like Egyptians at this spring's 70s and 80s dance. These four buddies blended in nicely among the many retro icons attending the dance.

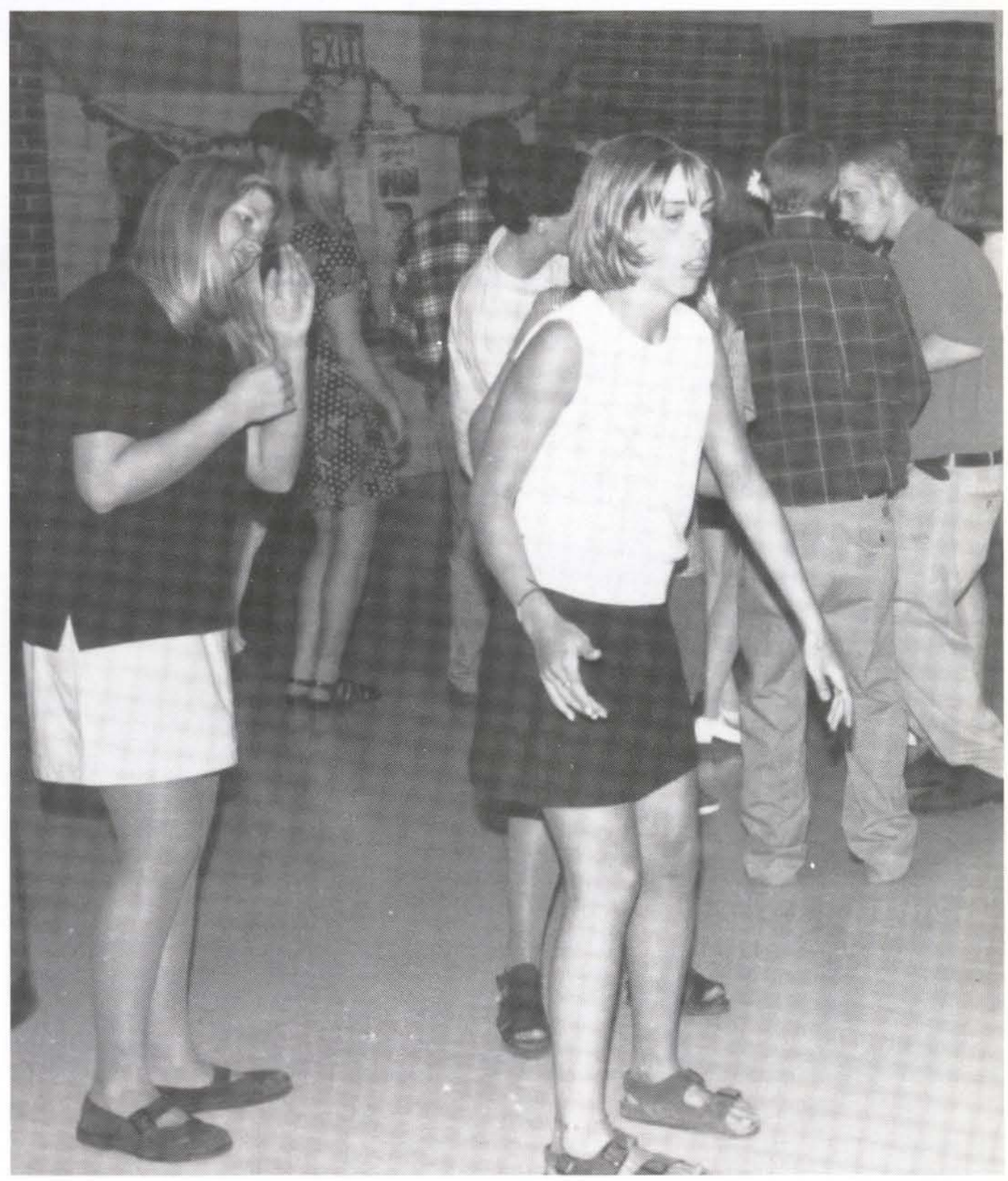


Left: Senior Joydip Chakravarty and sophomore Kim Goodwin are cuddling as usual between slow songs at this spring's T.W.I.R.P. dance.

Below: Junior Max Marshal and seniors Vince Smith and Keith Hornbrook seem to be enticing the camera person on to the dance floor.



Above: Senior Nancy Williams and date Ryan Broich seem to be enjoying each other's company during a T.W.I.R.P. slow dance.



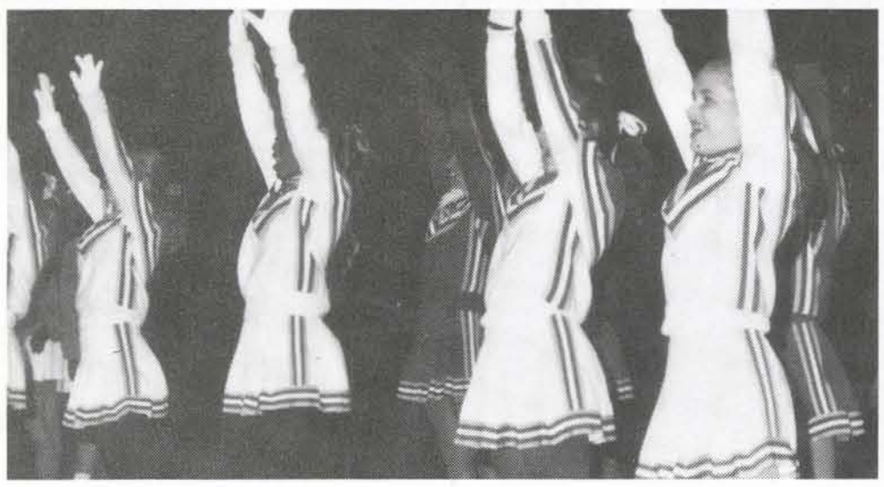
Above: Freshmen Andrea Steuck and Kim Mathile practice some interesting dance moves at the Valentine's dance.

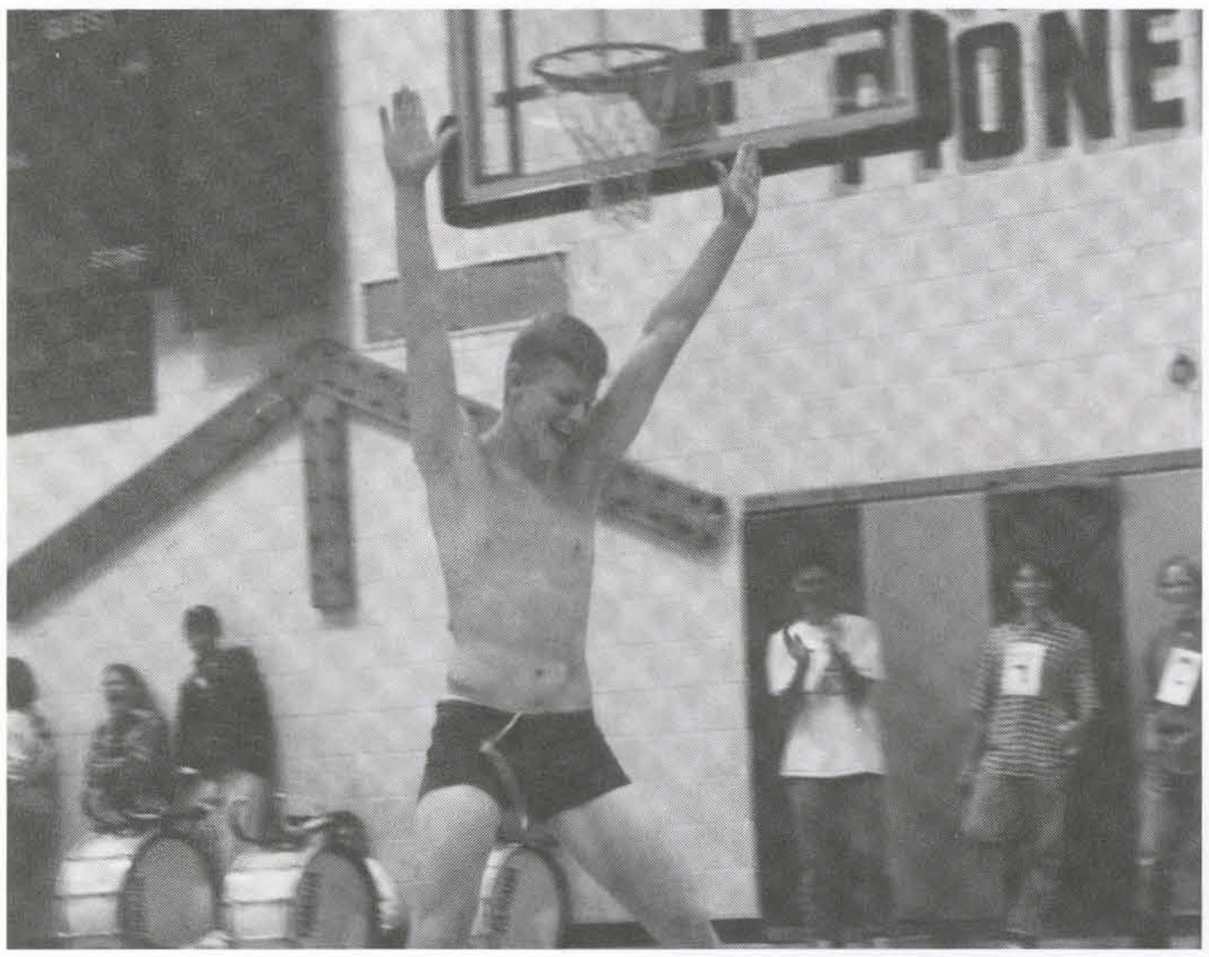
# Homecoming 1995

## A Kiss From A Rose

Right: U-High students huddle together for warmth during the Homecoming game. Shana Thompson, Nidhi Puri, Erica Cunningham, and Sara Colba had fun watching their team win by a large margin.

Below: Despite the cold weather, the cheerleaders warmed themselves up while pumping up the crowd during the Homecoming game. U-High defeated first time opponent Bureau Valley 44-20.






Above: Adam Colba shows his school spirit during the Homecoming pep assembly. Colba was crowned Mr. Pioneer after baring it all. "This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. Look at me, I'm sooo sexy," said Colba.

Right: Seniors cheer for their fellow classmates in the Mr. Pioneer contest. Cheerleaders, pom-pons, and the band performed at the Homecoming pep assembly.

Left: King Eric Schlipf and Queen Sonia Sethi pose for some quick pictures. They were crowned during half-time of the football game.

Below: 1995 Homecoming Court members Nick Cottone, Devin Padavil, Kurt Olson, Darrin York, Karmy Kays, King Eric Schlipf, Queen Sonia Sethi, Rebecca Dady, Carrie Borowski, Christine O'Connor, Kristin Smith, and Julie Yeagle.

Above: Royalty leads off the first dance of the night. *In Your Eyes* was the Homecoming song this year. *A Kiss From a Rose* was the theme.

This year, Homecoming proved to be an overall success. Senate planned a week full of fun activities in which everyone participated. Spirit week began on Monday with punk/weird hair day. The freshman class took first place in the hall decorating contest, to the surprise of the rest of the school.

On Tuesday, guys dressed as girls and vice-versa. The movie *Say Anything* was shown Tuesday night in Stroud Auditorium.

On Wednesday, students dressed as their favorite teachers. In spite of the cold weather, the traditional moonlight drive still went on. "The moonlight drive was a lot of fun this year. Cold, but fun," said senior Kristin Smith.

Thursday was the most popular of the dress up days. Teachers and students alike dressed up in flannel shirts and overalls to take on the look of farmers. The bonfire, which was supposed to take place on Thursday night, was canceled due to the weather.

The Homecoming pep assembly ended spirit week on Friday. Adam Colba edged out Mr. Sondegroth and Coach Hampton in the talent round for the Mr. Pioneer crown.

# Clubs Move Into the Future

Clubs at U-High had a new feature this year with the introduction of fees. Students had to pay 50 dollars for each activity they were involved in. The only exceptions to this price were for sports which had a 100 dollar fee and theatre which charged 25 dollars per production. This policy was a result of budget cuts at U-High. Although the imposition of fees left many students grumbling, clubs were still a popular way of spending after school hours.

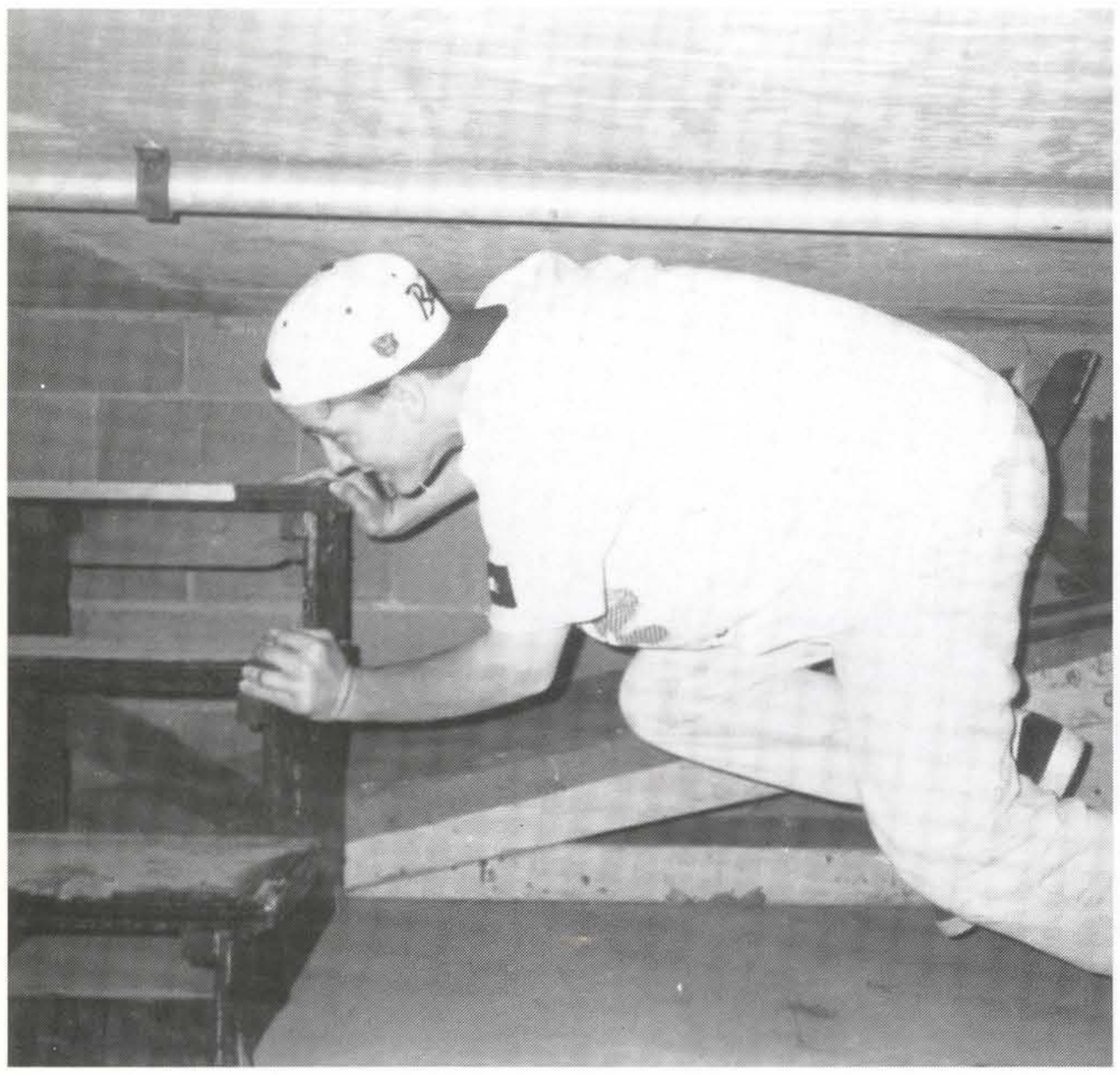
U-High clubs and activities had more on their minds than money, however. Some clubs faced changes that will last for some time. New sponsors and new structures or goals affected many clubs this year. Thespians/drama had a new sponsor with Mr. Baldwin. They were a chartered group for the first time in several years. The speech team's new coach was Mrs. Brenner-Mitchell. The science club also had a new sponsor this year with Mr. Petty.

The 1995-1996 school year was a busy one. The scolastic bowl team competed on the television show *Brain Trust*. The math team visited Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to hear former astronaut James A. Lovell speak. These are just a few examples of what made clubs exciting.

Right: Junior Gary Thompson carves the Thanksgiving turkey at the ninth annual madrigal dinner. The dinner combined instrumental music, singing and acting.

Below: The infamous U-High drumline practices the field show with the rest of the band.

Below left: Senior Chris Felkamp works under the stage in Stroud. He was moving portable stairs to be used in the winter one acts.



Left: Junior Giang Tang, resembling a marrionette, performs in the fall Orchesis concert. All of the pieces were student choreographed.

Below: The members of Fifth Step, a vocal jazz group, display their coordinated fashions while they sing at the fall jazz concert.

Above: These Chorus I sopranos are enjoying tremendously the song they are singing. Chorus I met at 12:00 every day to practice many songs performed at concerts throughout the year.

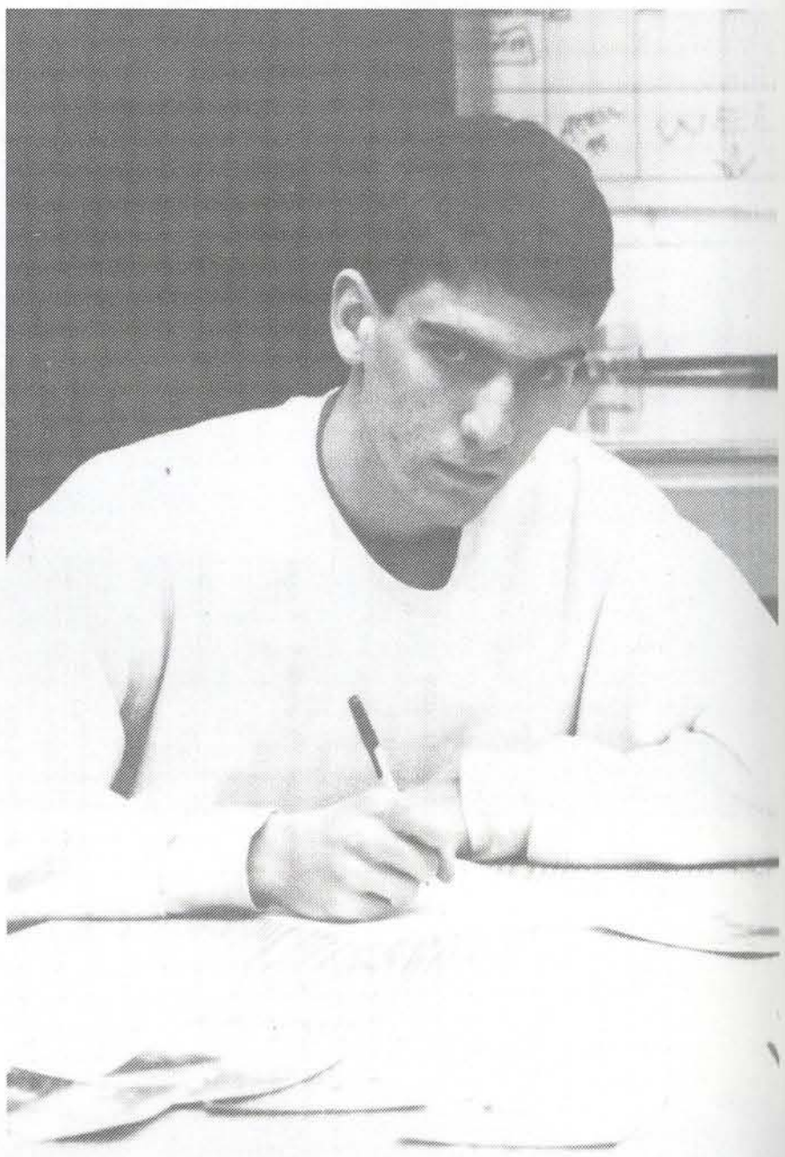
# The Yearbook and Paper

The Clarionette, edited for the second year by senior Matt Koglin, worked hard on meeting its numerous deadlines so it would actually come out on the first of the month.

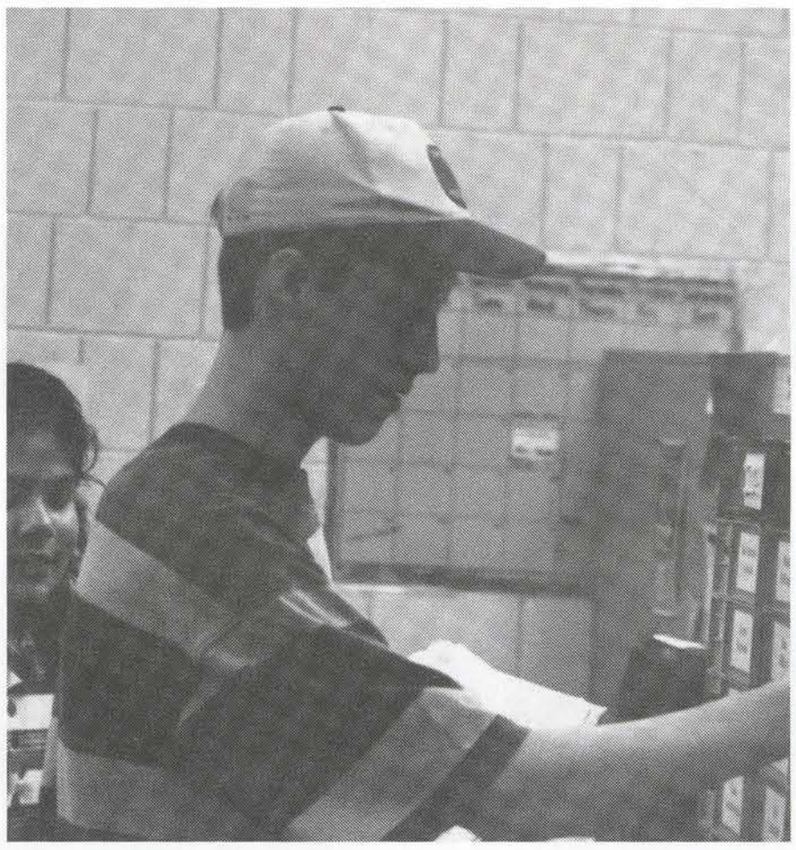
The Clarion, edited by senior Amy Wilson, also tried to meet its deadlines. Since Amy was the only returning yearbook staff member, she had the task of teaching all the new students the layout and design programs used to create the yearbook.

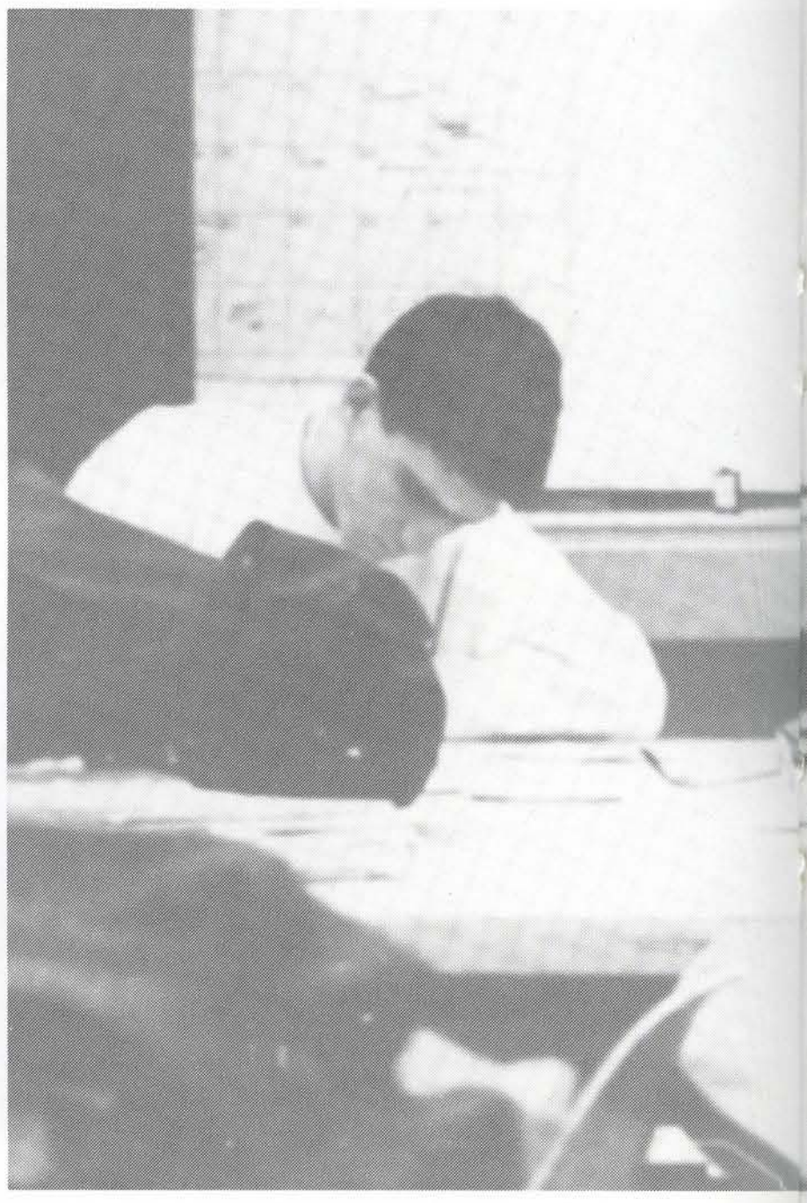
This year, the editors of the Clarion and Clarionette made an innovative decision: to combine their staffs. With only 17 people enrolled in the class, all students had to contribute to both the newspaper and the yearbook. While this did create an extra workload for everyone, it also made everyone more familiar with layout, design, and writing styles. It also caused Mr. Kelly to threaten to quit several times, but all-in-all, Journalism survived another year.

Right: Senior Ted Schurter works hard on his scathing editorial about the boy's bathroom being devoid of soap dispensers. It was a rare sight to see Ted out of the darkroom this year. Along with fellow senior Noah Larsen, he developed the majority of the pictures used by the staff.

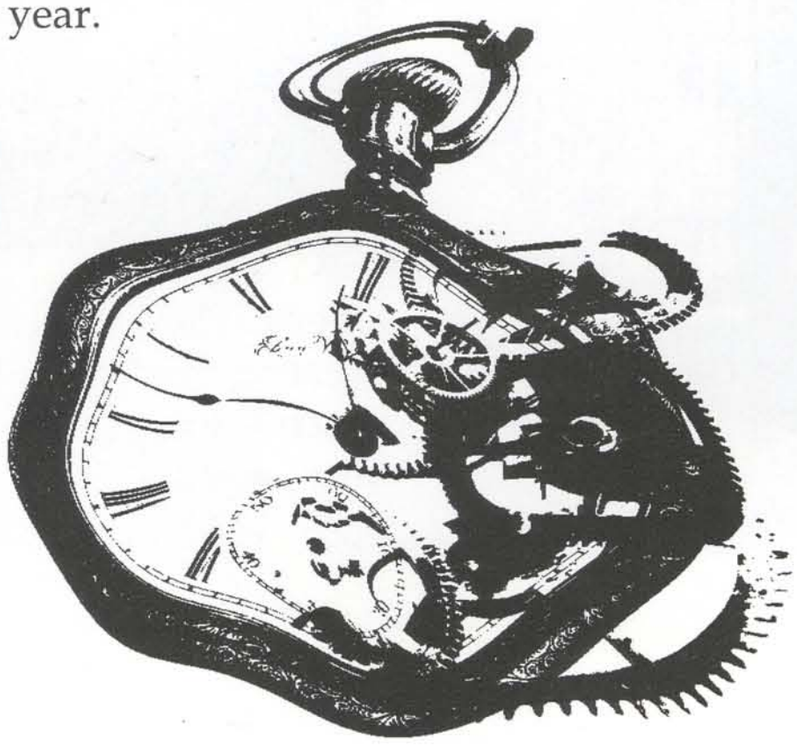


Below: Junior Chris Charlesworth puts edited copies of the reporters' stories in their mailboxes for them to correct. The mailbox with the most interesting mail this year was definately the one labeled "IG." The anonymous columnist Ignorus answered questions of all caliber, from cereal to relationships to the meaning of life.





Right: Senior Ted Schurter and Mr. Kelley edit the Clarionette one last time before it goes to print. The Clarionette successfully worked to improve its use of correct spelling, comma placement, and grammar this year.



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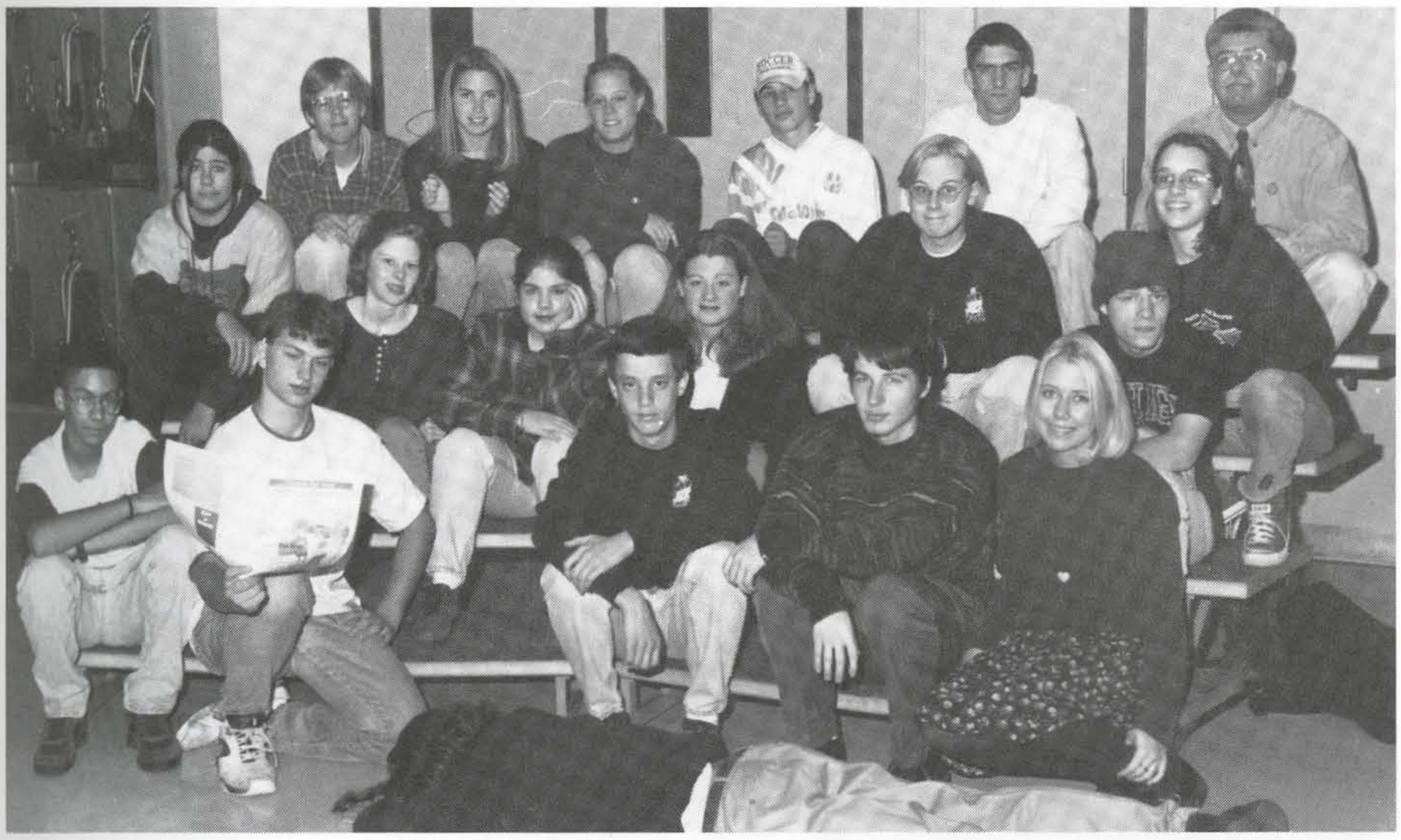
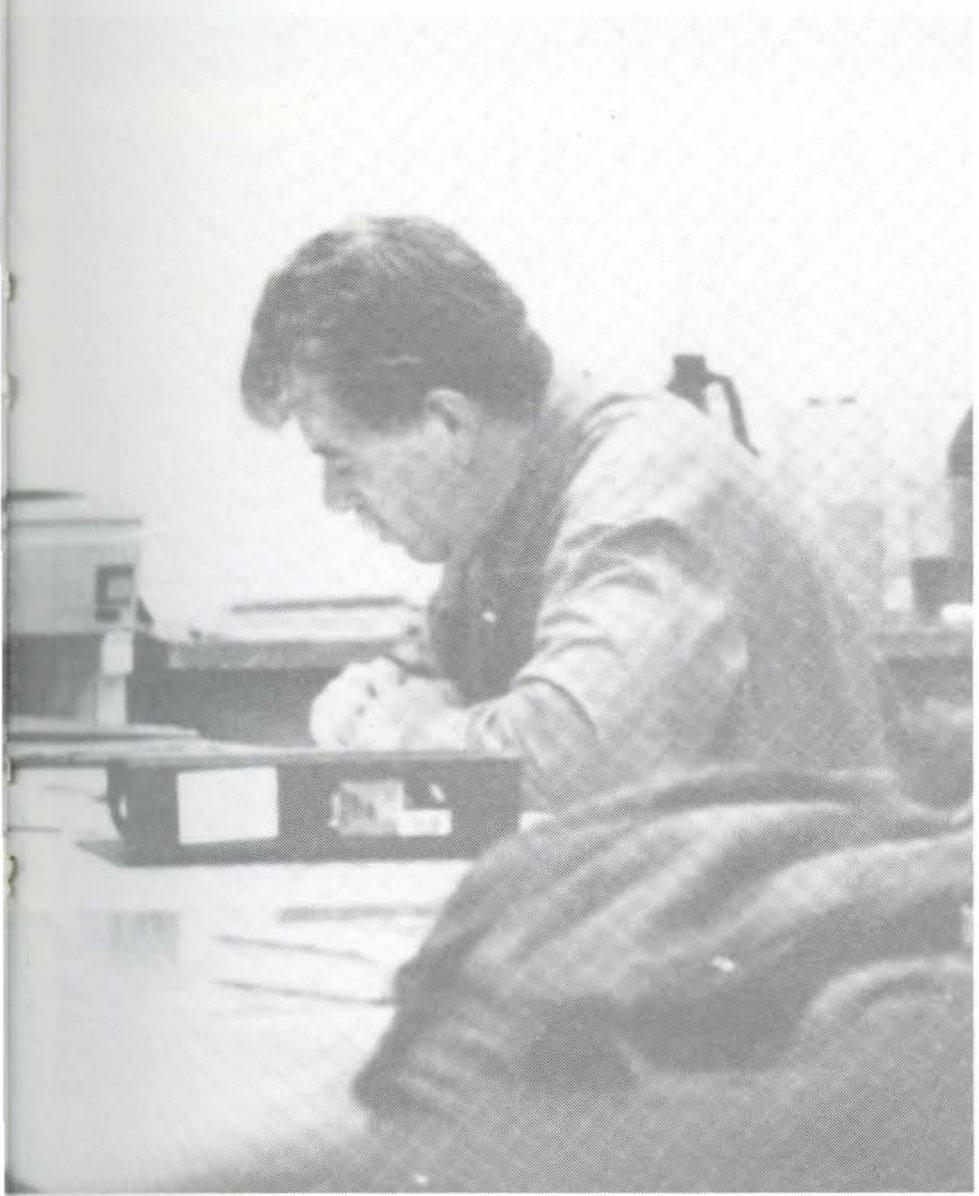
JOURNALISM
First Row: Mike Perillo. Second Row: Bryson Englen, Matt Koglin, Chris Charlesworth, Jon Thompson, Amy Wilson. Third Row: Stephanie Kiesewetter, Dana Grzeskowiak, Amanda Mattingly, Bob Alstrum-Acevedo. Fourth Row: Andy Steadman, Ben Miller, Kristin Hill. Fifth Row: Noah Larsen, Amanda McKnight, Carrie Borowski, Dave Trouille, Ted Schurter.



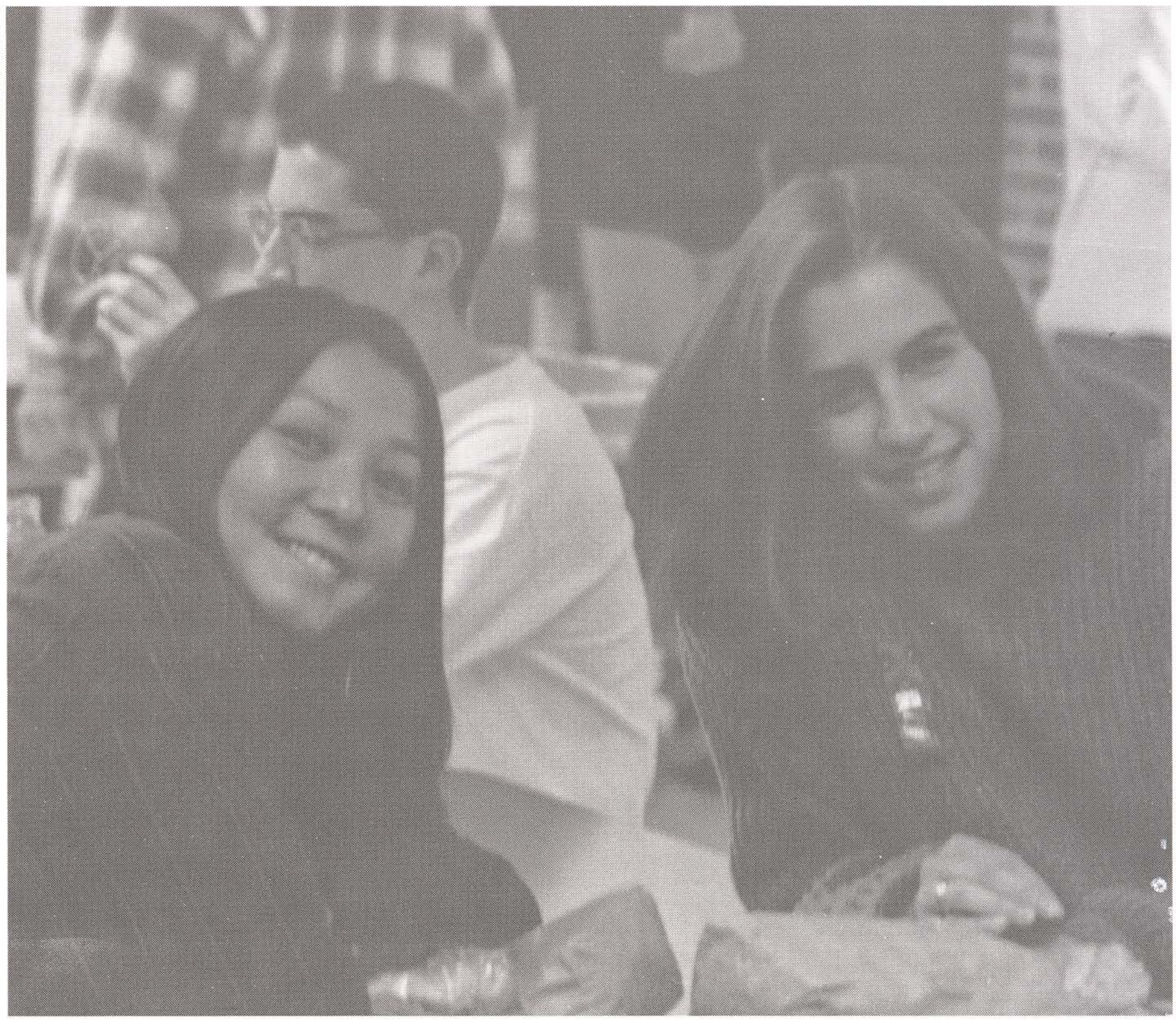
Below: "I'm supposed to stick this *where*?" Through journalism this year, senior Carrie Borowski improved her computer skills and writing skills as well as learning rules of layout and design. She plans to use these skills at either Illinois Wesleyan or ISU.



Above: Senior Mike Perillo looks through his portfolio to find the story he was working on for the newspaper. In addition to doing a few pages for the yearbook, Mike wrote Track 23 Record Reviews for the Clarionette this year.

# Academic Clubs...

Right: Seniors Faye Yang and Joni Anderson chat about their great acomplishments at the JETS State Finals. The team did extremely well.



School this year was about much more than just attending classes. After enduring the endless hours of lectures and doing homework, most students can take no more.

But for many dedicated and talented U-High students, attending classes was only the beginning of their academic enlightenment.

This year, U-High provided many organizations for ambitious students to become involved in. Some of these clubs included the Scholastic Bowl, the Science Club, the Library/Tech club and Jets. Each club had its own degree of success.

The Scholastic Bowl team (not pictured) has the longest season out of any activity at U-High - from October to March. The varsity team had a disappointing season with a 7-28 record, while the frosh-soph team showed their potential by winning the Intercity Tournament. "I'm looking forward to good things happening in the future," said team sponsor Tom Holbrook.

SCIENCE CLUB
First Row: Nidhi Puri, Emily Yee, Rachel Wells. Second Row: Anne Arnold, John Kim, Reggie Warner, Greg Stephens. Third Row: Mr. Petty, Mike Perillo, Chris Charlesworth.

# True Learning Starts Here.

LIBRARY/TECH CLUB
First Row: Ryan Henderson, Jenny Tempest. Second Row: Paul Brooks, Anthony Mathile, Jeremy Tessendorf, Tony Meizeles. Third Row: Chris Charlesworth, Mike Perillo, Nate Bair, Gary Thompson, Matt Schweitzer, John Stuckey, Travis Kearney, Loren Wells, Mrs. Oberherdt.

Below: Freshman Loren Wells smiles with sheer delight as he revels in the fact that he is a Library/Tech club member. Funny, no one remembers seeing you at any meetings, Loren.

The JETS (Junior Engineering and Technical Society) team competes in seven areas: chemistry, physics, biology, math, english, computer fundamentals, and engineering graphics. The members compete by taking tests in these subjects.

This year's team did very well. In addition to winning the district competition at Illinois Community College, they won sectionals at Bradley University and took seventh at the state competition.

JETS
First Row: Jennifer Yang, Stephanie Te, Rehka Ramanuja, Faye Yang, Allyson Miller, Poorvi Shah. Second Row: Joni Anderson, Gary Thompson, Lynn Cyrus, Ben Fritz, Tony Segneri, Reggie Warner, Mike Toepke, Joydip Chakravarty, Carl Aten, Kuo-Chang Lian, Shelly Oliver, Mr. Holbrook.

# For a Nicer Future

This year the E.A.R.T.H club, which stands for environmentally aware and ready to help, met under the leadership of Mrs. Lewis. The club's main activity was recycling cans and glass in the lounge. The club also helped out with ISU's paper recycling program. "It's really frustrating to see kids throw cans into the trash," said Mrs. Lewis.

The Art club, which is led by Mr. Henning, got together to decorate local structures like the insides of Read's Sporting Goods. "It's cool," said club member Matt Schweitzer of the club activities.

EARTH CLUB
First Row: John Stuckey, Mrs. Lewis, Adam Jones, Karmy Kays, Adam Colba. Second Row: Paul Brooks, Nathan Bair, Nancy Williams, Ryan Hoelting, John Allen, Ben Elble, Vicky Roberts. Third Row: Travis Kearney, Matt Schweitzer, Carol Varner, Aaron Leach, Loren Wells, Molly McCambridge, Alyssa Jennings.

Above: Mr. Henning, the art club sponsor, showed sophomore Chihava Ohki the proper painting technique in the art room.

ART CLUB
First Row: Matt Schweitzer, Paul Brooks, Nathan Bair, John Stuckey, Mike Perillo, Katie Brokaw. Second Row: Travis Kearney, Anthony Mathile, Trudi Schoening, Stacia Thetard, David Griffith. Third Row: Bryson Engelen, Loren Wells, David Phillips, Phillip Liming, Ryan Hoelting, Erica Otto, Nick Kashian, Nick Sorak. Fourth Row: Jeremy Schneckloth.

# "Did he say Bacon?"

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

First Row: Bryson Engelen, Katie Brokaw, Bond Lammey, Jacob Olbert, Raven Nuñez, Emily Eggan, Kristin Hill. Second Row: Josh Gibson, Jon Thompson, Robert Alstrum-Acevedo, Emma Christensen, Victoria Roberts, Katie Kusmaul. Third Row: Trudi Schoening, Nick Barrows, Tom Kirkwood, Chris Felkamp, Amy Wilson, Mike Perillo, Rob Mentzer. Fourth Row: Kristen Milligan, Andy Matthews, Adam Milligan, Amanda McKnight, Deborah Goldfarb, Adrianne Fuller, Julia Jarvis, Emily Eaton, Judy Yin. Fifth Row: Bridget Payne, Ryan Henderson, Ryan Crusius, Andrew Schroeer, Missy Park, Jeremy Schneckloth, Kristin Smith, Carrie Borowski, Jennifer Tempest, Kathy Clesson. Sixth Row: Kristen Berry, Brian Moody, Adam Steuck, David Trouille, Erik Horna.

BROME AND BEYOND

First Row: Katie Brokaw, Bond Lammey. Second Row: Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Jon Thompson, Vicky Roberts, Bryson Englen, Raven Nunez. Second Row: Mike Perillo, Amy Wilson, Rob Mentzer, Kristen Hill, Emma Christensen, Julia Jarvis. Third Row: Emily Yee, Rekha Ramanuja, Emily Eaton, Josh Gibson. Fourth Row: Kathy Clesson, Kristen Berry, Amanda McKnight, Adam Steuck, Eric Lott, Kristen Smith, Carrie Borowski, Chris Felkamp, Jennifer Tempest. Fifth Row: David Trouille, Erik Horna.

Below: Senior Bob Alstrum-Acevedo reads aloud his award winning poem "Bacon Uber Alles" for a creative writing club meeting.

The 95-96 school year was filled with excitement for U-High writers. The club was led by an enthusiastic group of seniors who were searching for good writing and bacon, according to the anouncements. Club members enjoyed reading and listening to each other's literary work. Most club members read their works to have them critiqued by the other writers. Mrs. Clesson, the club sponsor, encouraged writers to enter various contests and publications including Brome and Beyond. Brome and Beyond is U-High's literary magazine of student contributions. Several members of the creative writing club work on Brome.

# Club Makes It to the Big Time

Girls soccer, formerly an intramural sport, made it to the big time this year. They made the transition from being a club to officially being a varsity sport.

Coached for the second year in a row by Scott Froelich, the team did better than anyone expected with an impressive 11-5 record. "People were amazed we did so well as a first-year team," said freshman Megan Thompson. "U-High is a small school and has a small team compared with the other schools we played. Most teams didn't expect too much out of us."

Freshman Jamie Thompson said that the highlight of the year was "definitely when we played against NCHS. We didn't win, but we really proved that we could hold our own against a big team."

The girls soccer team was proud of their overall performance and think that next year, now that the team is a bit more experienced, will be an even better season.

GIRLS SOCCER
First Row: Emily Koglin, Susan Grotbo. Second Row: Melissa Merceir, Christene Yee. Third Row: Kristin Tishhauser, Jenny Rohcen, Debbie Golfarb, Julia Jarvis. Fourth Row: Eric Horna, Scott Froelich, Pegan Hemmasi, Michelle Bandy, Amber Cortese. Not Pictured: Jamie Thompson, Megan Thompson.

# Culture Club Explores the World

The Culture Club, headed this year by Mr. Boyd, was formed in order to bring more students together to learn from other cultures and to educate about their own cultures. Meetings weren't always just business this year. At some of the meetings, snacks were provided and games such as "foreign language bingo" were played. In foreign language bingo, words are called out in different languages, namely Japanese, Spanish, and French. There was also a cultural trivia contest.

The Culture Club participated in Global Fest 1996, which took place at U-High. The club presented a booth in the large gym that featured displays from China, Taiwan, Japan, Mexico, Korea, and Spain. The booth also presented activities such as games from countries around the world, bookmarks with names written in Japanese, and music from many different cultures.

For the Global Fest parade of flags, U-High decided to make a new banner to represent the club this year. After a contest in which U-High artists subbmitted their banner designs, the club chose to use the design submitted by club member Paul Peng. The new banner was constructed in the weeks before Global Fest.

At the end of the year, dedicated members were invited to have dinner at Delgado's, compliments of the club. Over a dozen members attended.

The club also constructed a bulletin board in the lounge that featured different aspects of many cultures beyond politics - things like cartoons in Spanish and French and pictures from around the world. A new bulletin board is in the club's agenda for next year.

# Here and There

With the support of new sponsor Roger Baldwin, the U-High Thespians undertook an ambitious season. The opening play, *Flowers For Algernon*, was a drama starring senior Jon Thompson and showcasing much new talent.

The winter one-acts, directed by ISU students, included the plays *Seven Menus*, *Fresh Highway Kill*, and *The Enchanted Pig*.

The spring season included the group interp *Transformations*, which was an interpretation of poems by Anne Sexton and took seventh place in state competition. *Amadeus*, which began as a contest play, was turned into a full-length production and warmly received by the audiences.

The spring musical, *My Fair Lady*, starred both senior Kristin Hill and freshman Jill Wilson and reflected the wide range of talent in the troupe.

The troupe also received a charter this year, earning the official title of International Thespian Troupe #1156.

The year was topped off by the initiation of many new members. Even with the graduation of several dedicated seniors at the end of this year, the troupe is confident that the high standards set this season will be continued in years to come.

Below: Senior Amy Wilson and sophomore Toni DeCristafaro joke around backstage in their costumes from *Amadeus*. They had two of the three female roles in the play - Constanze Motzart and Catherina Cavellieri, respectively.

THESPIANS
First Row: Jacquie Semmler, Emily Eggan, Katie Kusmaul, Vicky Roberts. Second Row: Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Jon Thompson, Katie Brokaw, Kristin Hill. Third Row: Ted DeLong, Molly McCambridge, Becky Phillips, Bond Lammey, Kuo-Chiang Lian. Fourth Row: Lynn Cyrus, Poorvi Shah, Linda Fanis, Sara Chan, Ryan Henderson. Fifth Row: Andy Cunningham, Ryan Hoelting, Chris Charlesworth, Amy Wilson, Mike Perillo, Chris Felkamp, Matt Augspurger, Tony Meizelis. Right (clockwise): Ben Elble, Matt Koglin, Mr. Roger Baldwin.

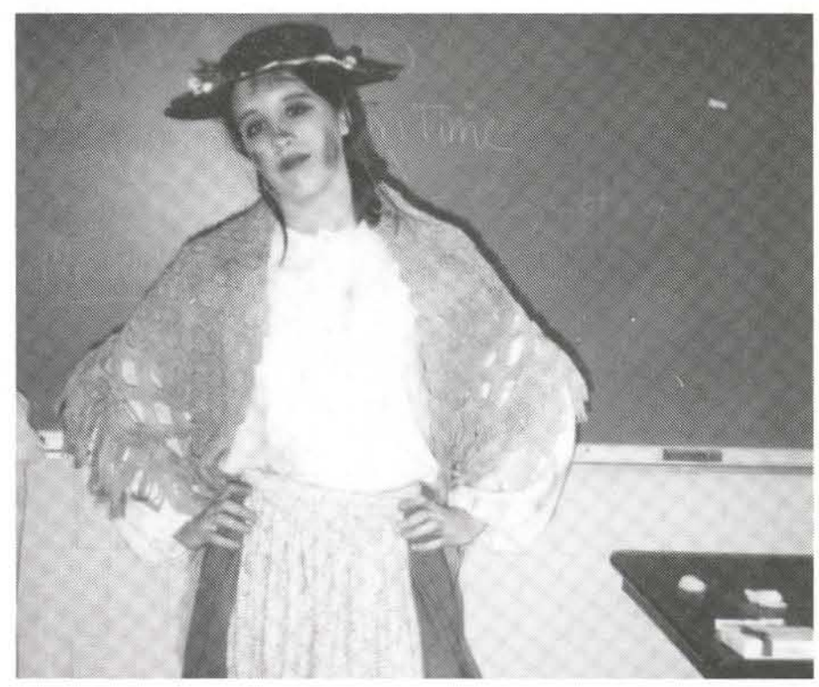
# and Everywhere!

Left: "Guys, I'm over here!" says junior Jim Oltman. He was wondering why Becky Phillips, sophomore, and Mr. Baldwin were paying attention to anything else.

Below: Junior Vicky Roberts arranges flowers for the flower peddlers in *My Fair Lady*. She served as propsmistress for the second year in a row this year.

Above: Freshman Jenny Wocjik proves that girls can do anything! She contributed to tech work during shows all year long and became quite proficient in the use of a drill.

**Drama Club Members:**
Jacquie Semmler, Emily Eggan, Vicky Roberts, Matt Koglin, Ben Elble, Katie Brokaw, Jill Wilson, Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Jon Thompson, Kristin Hill, Katie Kusmaul, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Bond Lammey, Lucas Schwarzrock, Raven Nunez, Ted Delong, Molly McCambridge, Emma Christensen, Becky Phillips, Linda Fanis, Sarah Chan, Betsy Eyenatten, Bryson Engelen, Poorvi Shah, Lynn Cyrus, Jake Olbert, Kim Goodwin, Ryan Henderson, Aaron Fowles, Jenny Wocjik, Tony Miezelis, Dan Behrns, Chris Charlesworth, Amy Wilson, Mike Perillo, Chris Felkamp, Tim Holbrook, Jay McCullough, Drew Patterson, Ben Miller, Matt Augspurger, Jim Oltman, Gary Thompson.



Above: Senior Kristin Hill takes a break from her exhausting role as Eliza, the lead in the spring musical. Her role in *My Fair Lady* was, alas, her final role to be played in U-High theatre.

Drama Club consists of Thespians and all other students who are involved in U-High theatre but have not yet been initiated as Thespians.

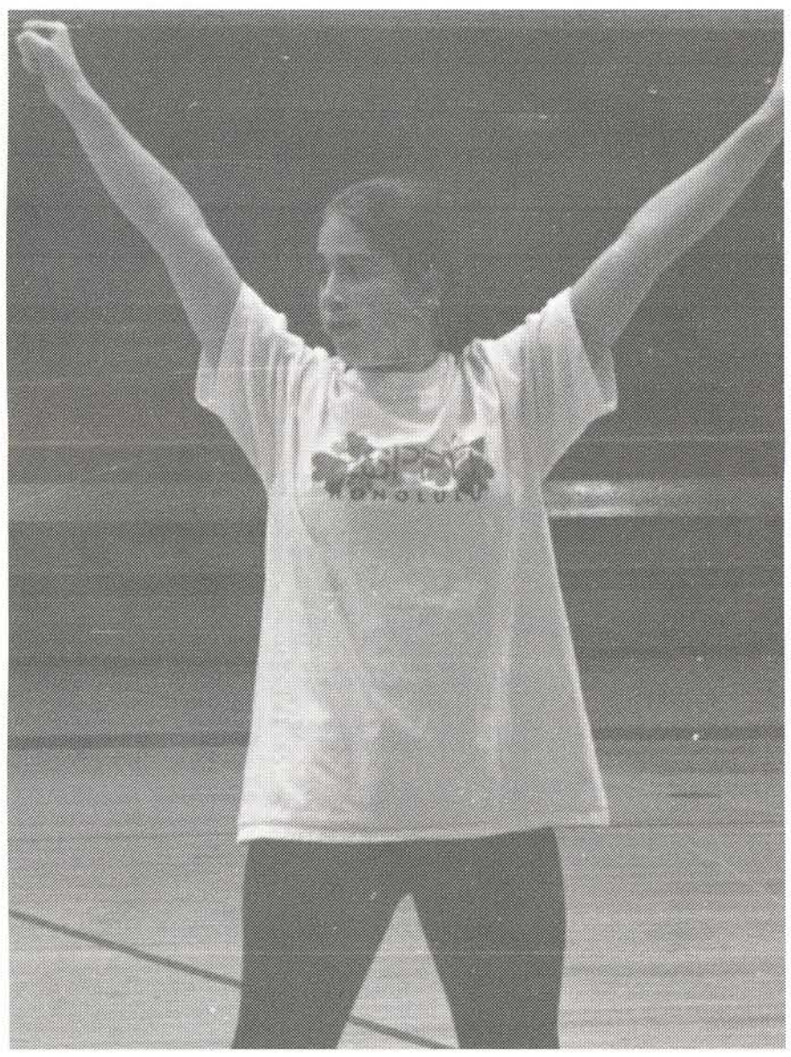
# Poms Start it Up

Anyone who's been in the lounge after school has experienced the sights and sounds of the Pom Pon squad. The blaring music and high energy dance moves of this group were unavoidable. The squad attended a multitude of competitions and brought back several trophies.

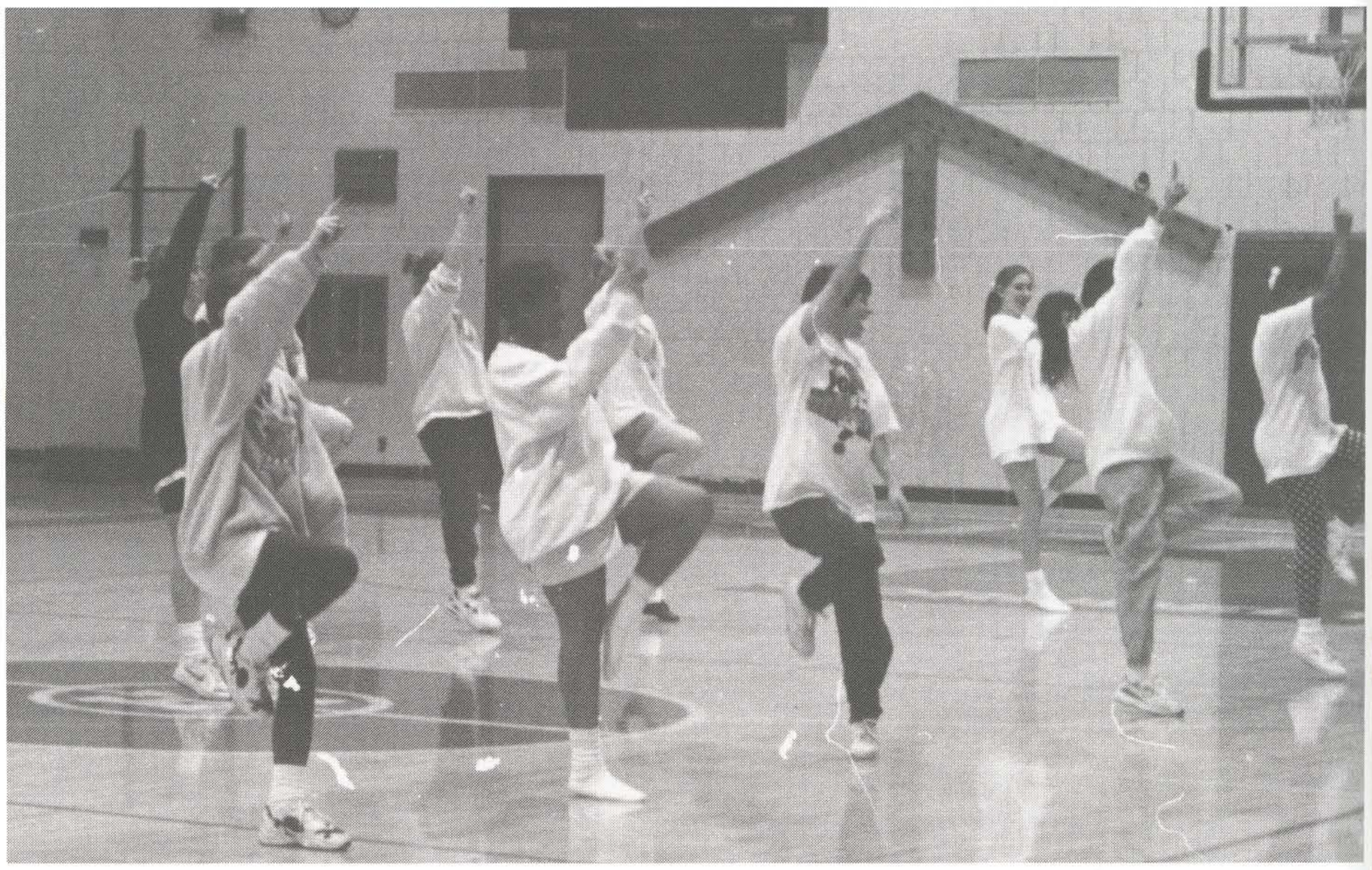
Its obvious the Poms team is a close-knit group. "Everyone knows each other really well. It's like a family," said sophmore Natasha Owen.

"Poms is a great opportunity to show your school spirit. If you love to dance, Poms is for you," said senior Sonia Sethi.

POMS
First Row: Ryan Henderson, Kelli Menkhe, Kim Moore. Second Row: Natasha Owen, Jennifer Objartel, Katie Foster. Third Row: Sonia Sethi, Supna Chaudhari, Whitney Wallace.



Above: Junior Katie Foster participates in a strenuous Poms practice. The Poms team was continually practicing to choreograph new dance moves.



Above: Seniors Kelli Menkhe, Whitney Wallace, Ryan Henderson, Sonia Sethi, and Angie Warner practice new moves in the gym. The Poms team worked hard at putting together entertaining dances to be performed at pep assemblies and sports events.

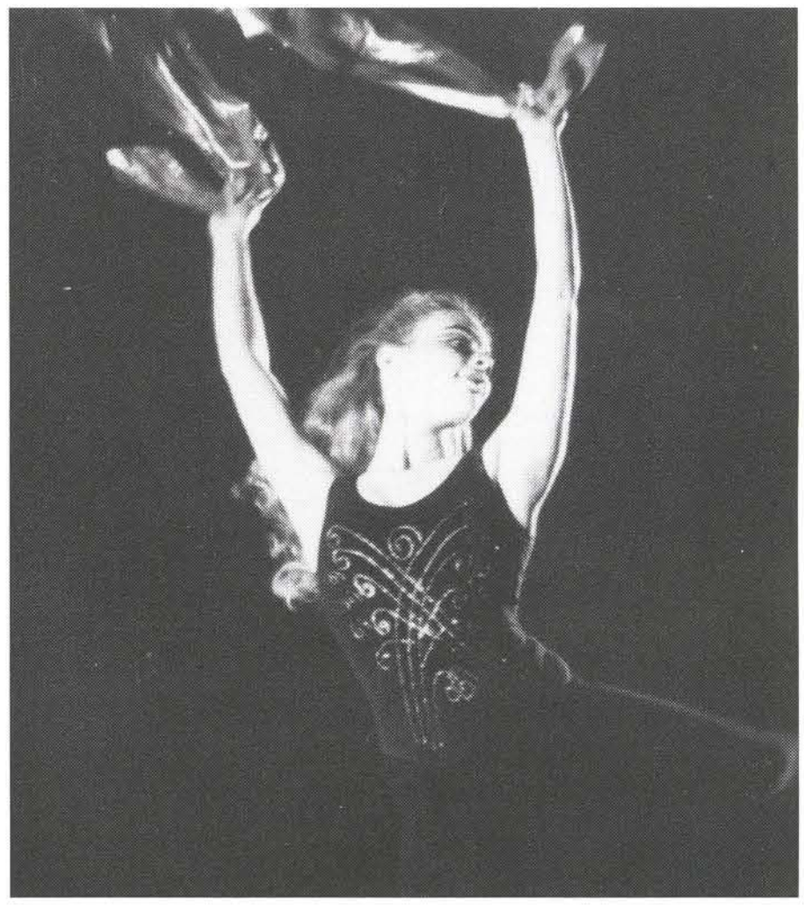
# The Gang's All Here

ORCHESIS

First Row: Kristen Weidman, Rachel Flotkoetter. Second Row: Katie Foster, Trisha Weidman, Sara Temiyasathit, Karen Choi, Elizabeth Fenger, Brooke Flotkoetter, Erin Corkin, Kristy Bates, Melissa Rude, Jennifer Harrington. Third Row: Carla James, Dijais Ervin, Jill Wilson. Fourth Row: Katrice Headd, Krystal Thomas, Vicky Roberts, Katie Kusmaul, Sara Clark, Emily Yee, Megan Shepston, Elizabeth Campbell. Fifth Row: Brett Cottone, Mollie Monroe, Matt Koglin, Lexi Baldochi, Molly Myers, Beth Skolmolski, Emily Yee, Megan Geigner, Gretchen Muhl, Claire Vybrial, Shelia Hind. Sixth Row: Kristin Hill, Andrew Kiper, Scott Kruger, Michael Mikkitrik, Sara Parmley, Kumri Brown, Tracey Fisher, Laurie Merrimen.

Above: Seniors Katie Kusmaul and Kristin Hill and junior Justine Armstrong-Shea move through the darkness in the dance "The Palpable Obscure." The piece, choreographed by Kusmaul, used flashlights to accent the motion of the dancers through a haze of chem-fog. The chem-fog was provided by Orchesis members Matt Koglin, senior, and Chris Charlesworth, junior.

Below: Junior Megan Shepston captivates the audience with her dancing in the piece entitled "Falling Rain." The piece was chosen to be performed at festival.



Orchesis is a dance troop comprised of students from U-High, NCWHS, NCHS, and Central Catholic. The class meets at 7am at McCormick Hall.

The dances "Falling Rain" and Soulful Sounds" were adjudicated, with "Soulful Sounds" going on to be performed at Festival. Other noteworthy pieces included "The Palpable Obscure" and "The 23rd Commandment," choreographed by U-High seniors Katie Kusmaul and Jon Thompson, respectively.

"I used to think Katie (Kusmaul) was crazy for getting up so early, but now that I'm in the class, I can see why she did it," said senior Kristin Hill.

# U-High Band...

After suffering a series of minor setbacks early in the year, the U-High band survived.

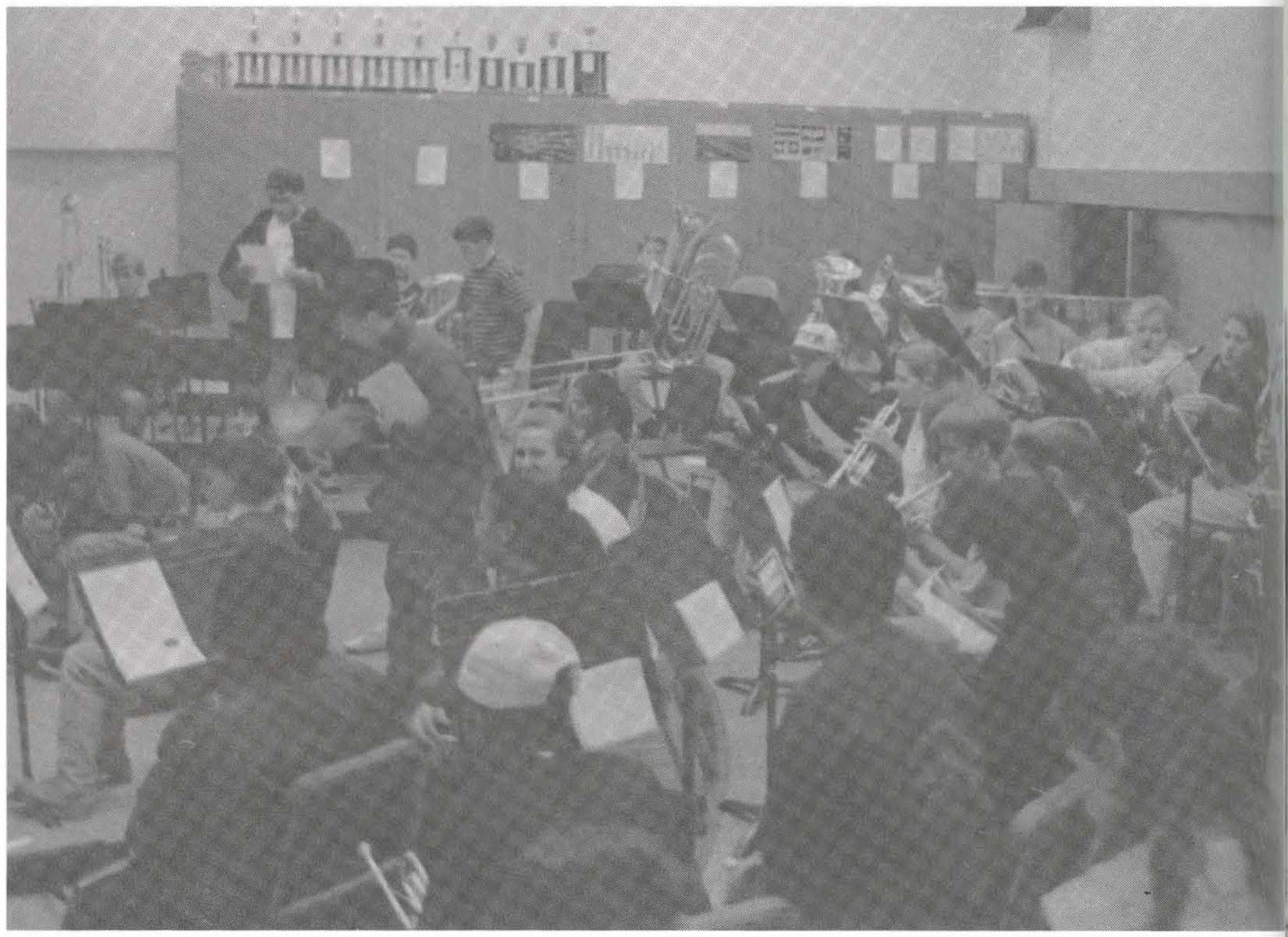
Due to problems finding a new band director they were forty hours behind most area schools.

By the first day of school the band had a new leader, Amy Johnson. Johnson quickly whipped the band into shape. In the fall they learned a selection from the *Sound of Music*. They competed in several competitions and even traveled to Montreal.

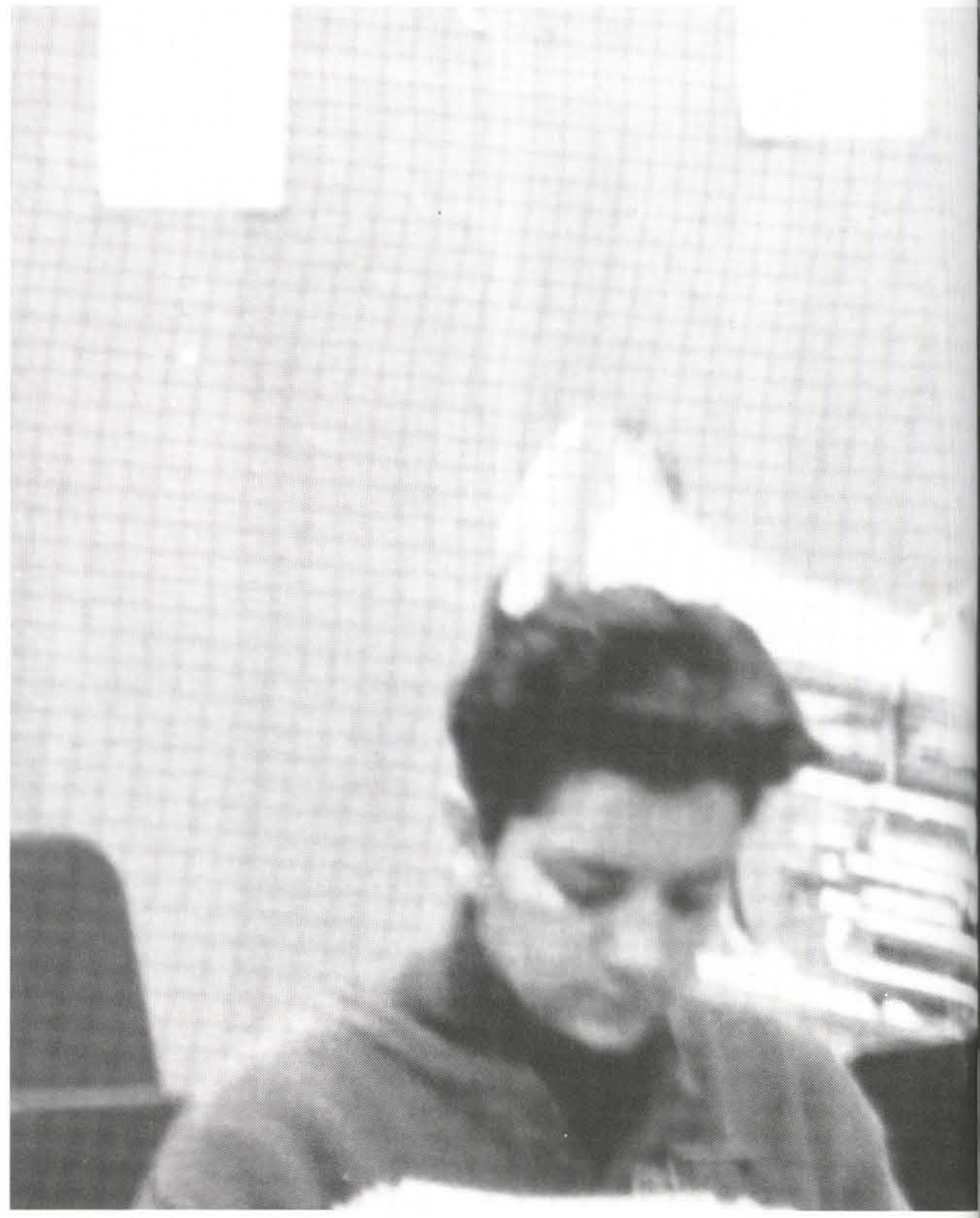
In addition to directing the marching band Johnson led the students in the formation of a jazz band, pep band and a concert band.

"I want the concert band to make music," Johnson said. "I want the students and I to work together to create real art."

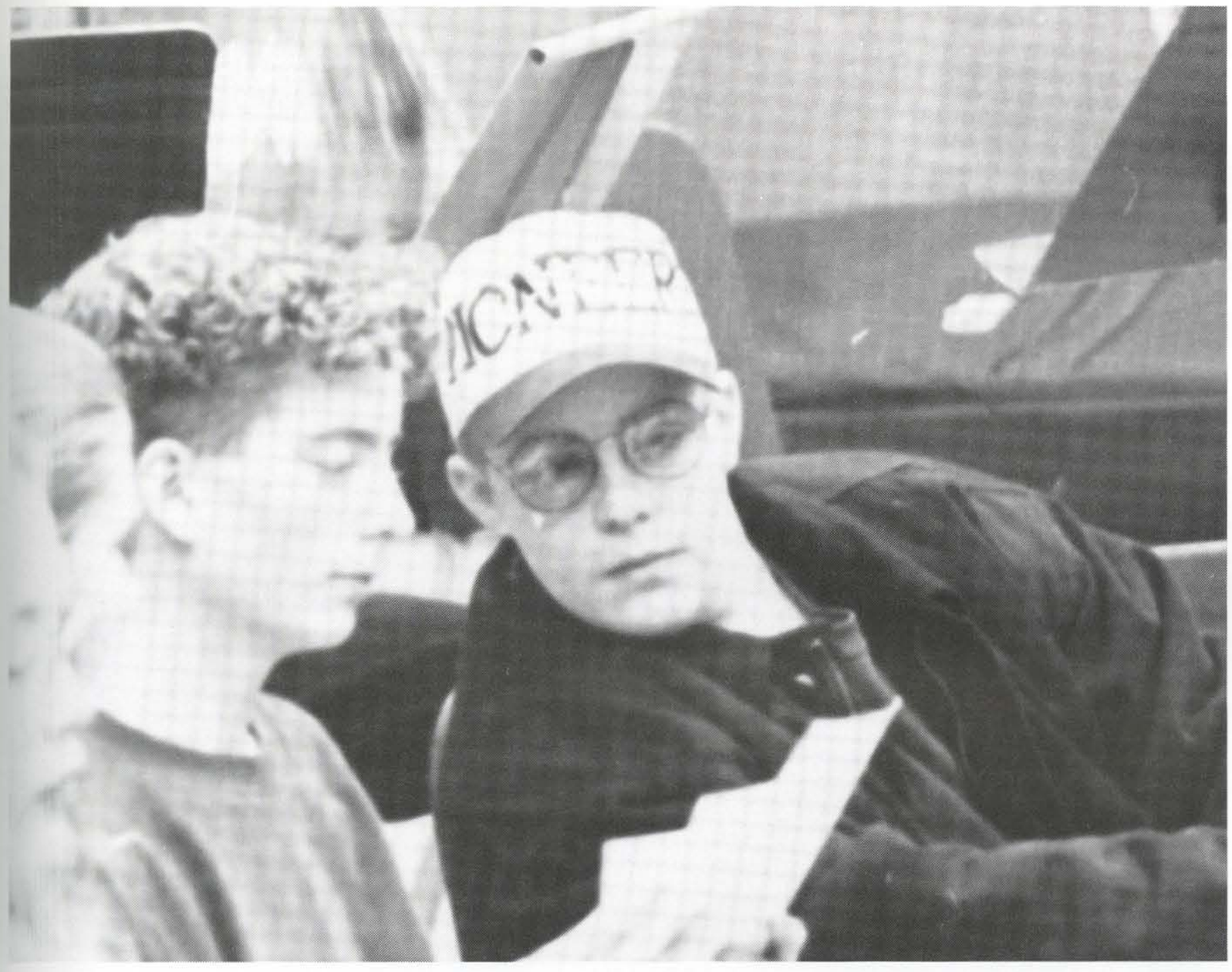
Below: The concert band warms up to rehearse a song during class.

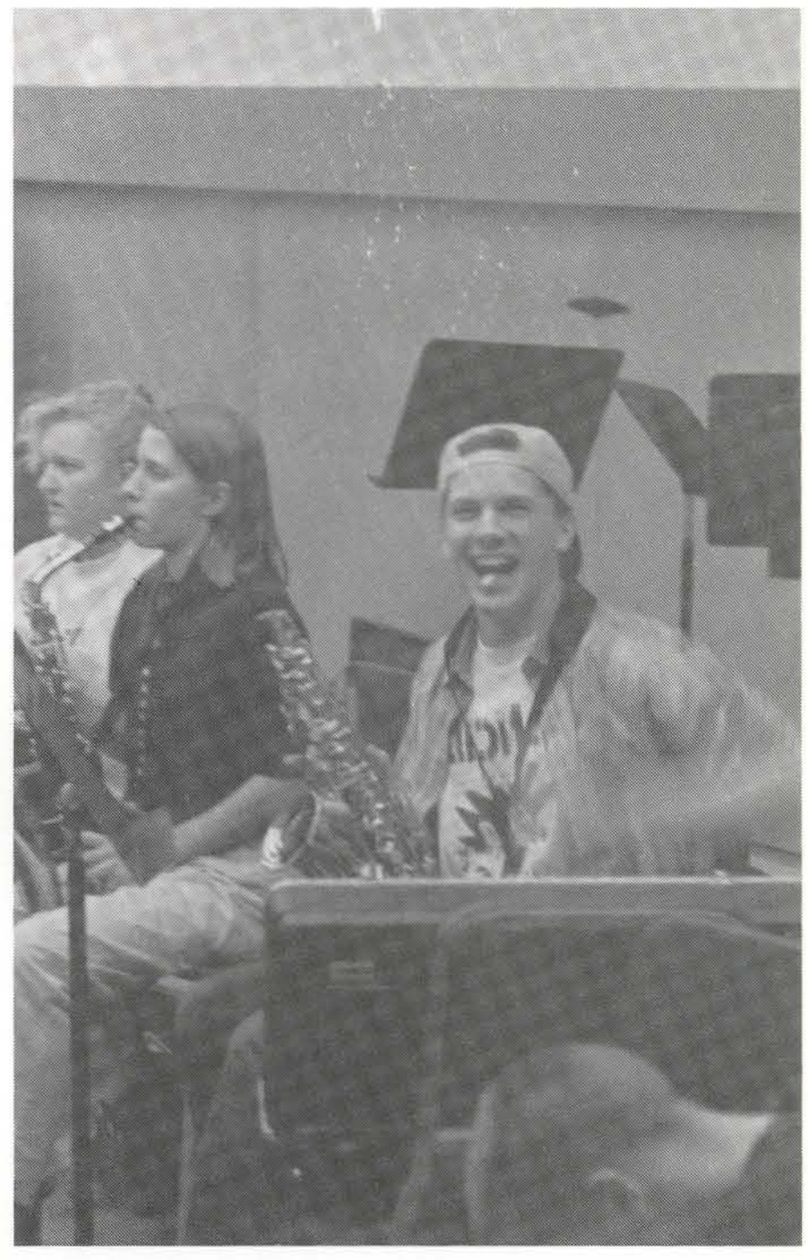


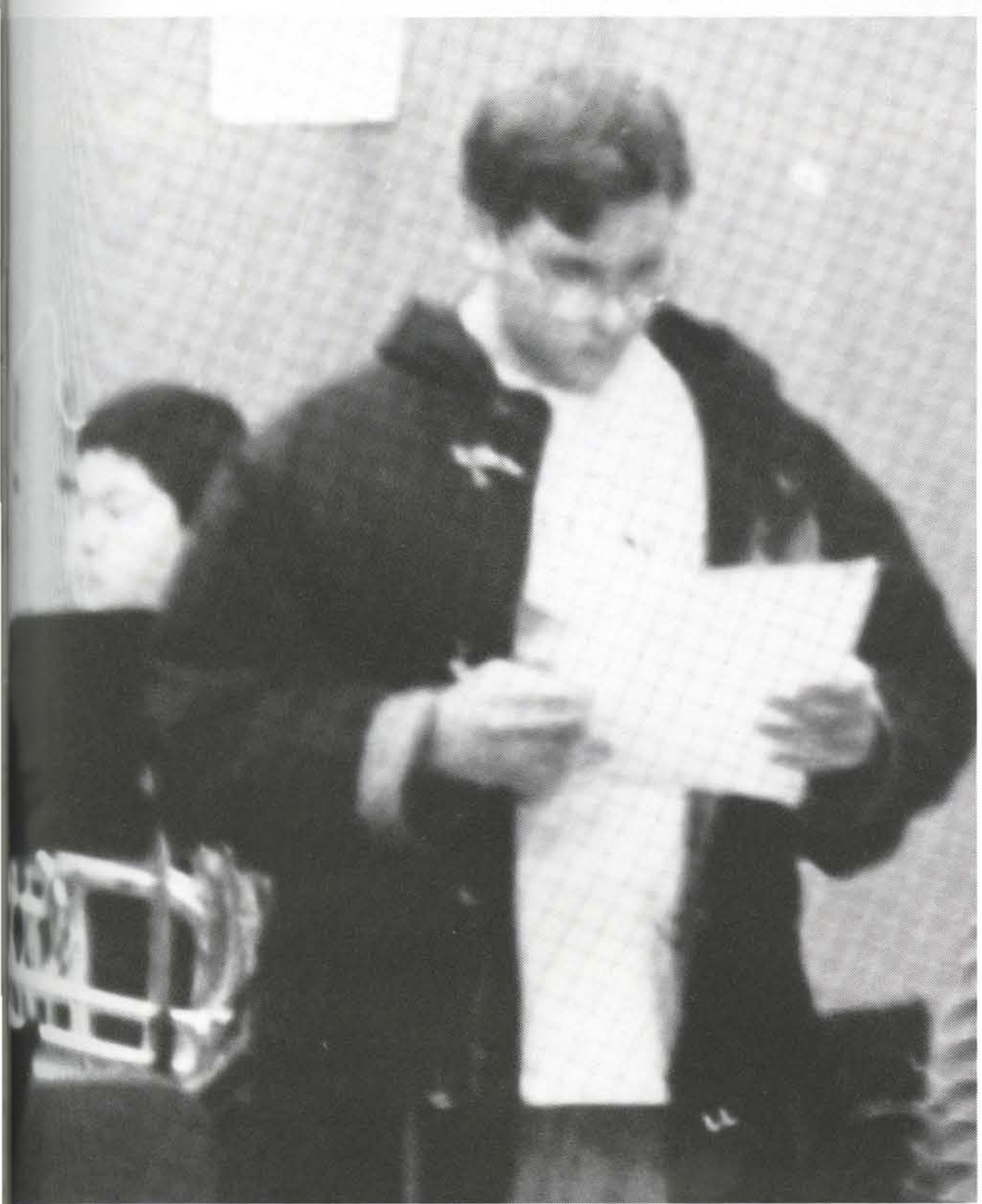
Above: Band director Amy Johnson directs the class from the front of the room.

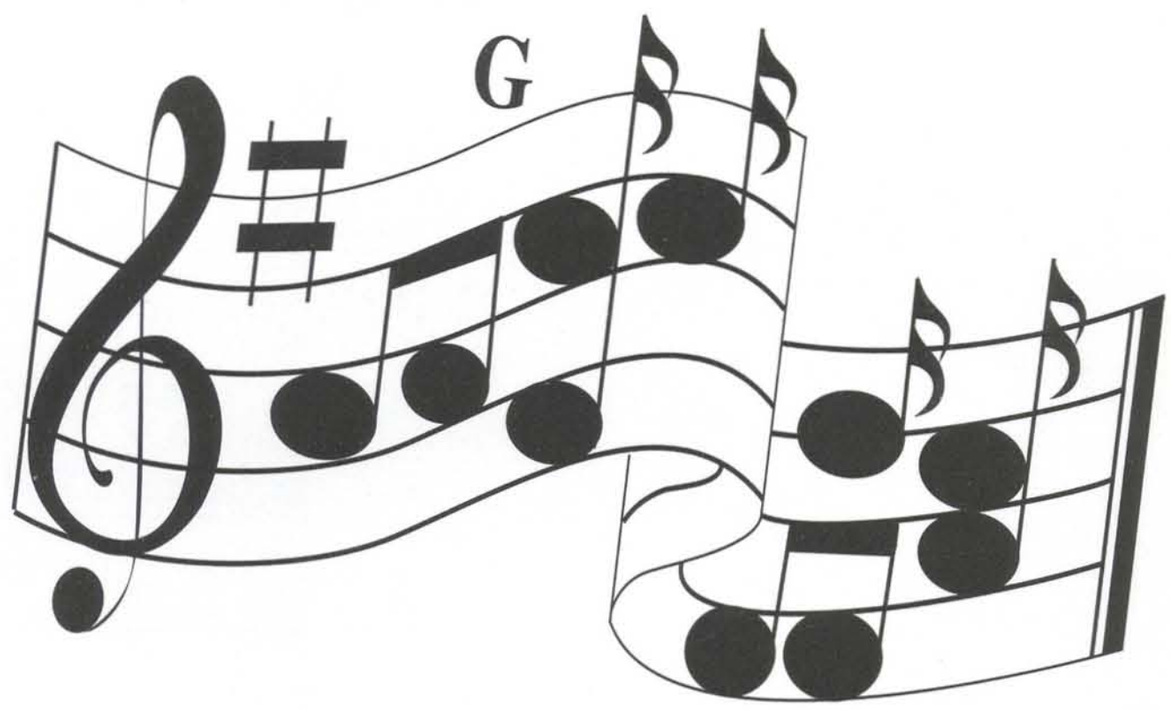


# Start Marching!










Above Left: Sophomore Chris Blume and freshman Drew Patterson discuss the music that they're about to play.

Above Right: Senior Chris Felkamp is so happy to be a saxophone player that he just can't keep a grin off his face during class.

Right: Director Amy Johnson and senior Dave Hronek pass out new sheet music to the other members of the band.

# Here, Hear!

Chorus and Madrigals had a busy year, packed with concerts and performances. One of the key performances for the Chorus was the Multi-Cultural Concert. Chorus learned how to sing songs in several different languages such as Chinese and Russian. "It was interesting to sing in different languages. Chinese was the best," said Jerusha Pederson. Madrigals performed at the Sixth Annual Madrigal Festival and the Ninth Annual Madrigal Dinner at Jumer's Chateau this year. They also traveled to Schaumberg to perform at Medieval Times.

CHORUS I
First Row: Kristal Thomas, Courtney McNiff, Chiffon Morris, Pegah Hemmasi, Wendy Fulton, Phil Hoffman, Paul Drinan, Rob Kerns, Monica Heese, Amy VanCauwenberge, Erica Hunter. Second Row: Elizabeth Campbell, Abby Scheirer, Heidi Roesch, Sherry Keist, Darlene Carmizino, Nicole Anthony, Molly Archer, Julie Foster. Third Row: Natalie Schurter, Megan Thompson, Jeanne Hurtz, Ingrid Kays, Tim Holbrook, John Kim, Matt Augspurger, Nathanael Gibson, Mike Ducett, Rachel Herron, Megan Busick, Ryne' Grubar, Sarah Clark. Fourth Row: Tiffany Thetard, Brianna Kaufman, Amy Varda, Emily Macy, Heidi Lott, Katie Brokaw, Jamie Thompson, Shana Thompson, Kim Goodwin, Toni DeCristofaro, Karen Choi. Fifth Row: Mrs. Issacson, Matt Bell, David Griffith, Jacob Olbert, Brandon Albee, Jonathon Choi.

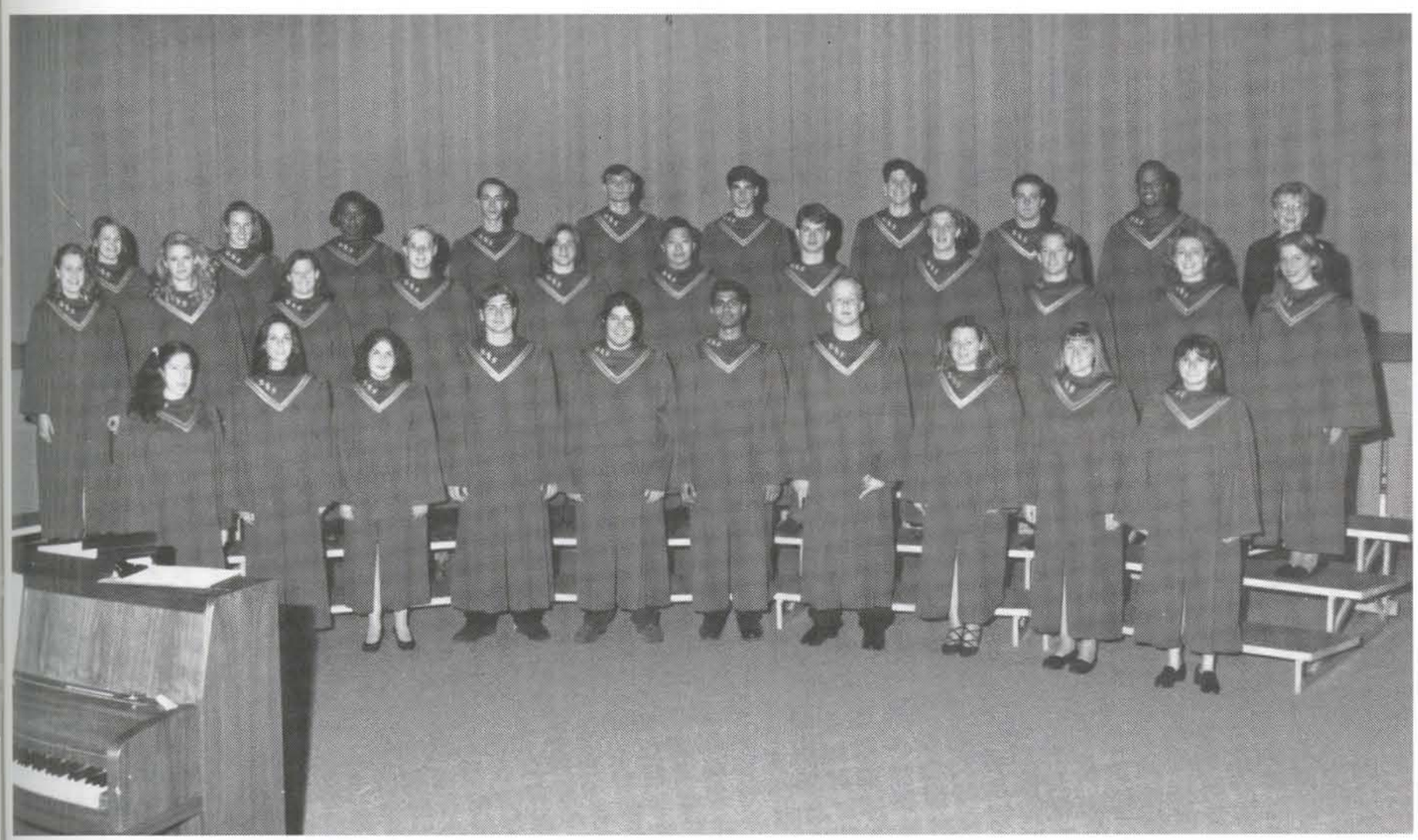
STRING ENSEMBLE
First Row: La'eeqa Khalilallah, Ruby Khan. Second Row: Tina Yang, Andy Schmidgall, Becky Phillips. Not pictured: Sarah Temiyasathit.

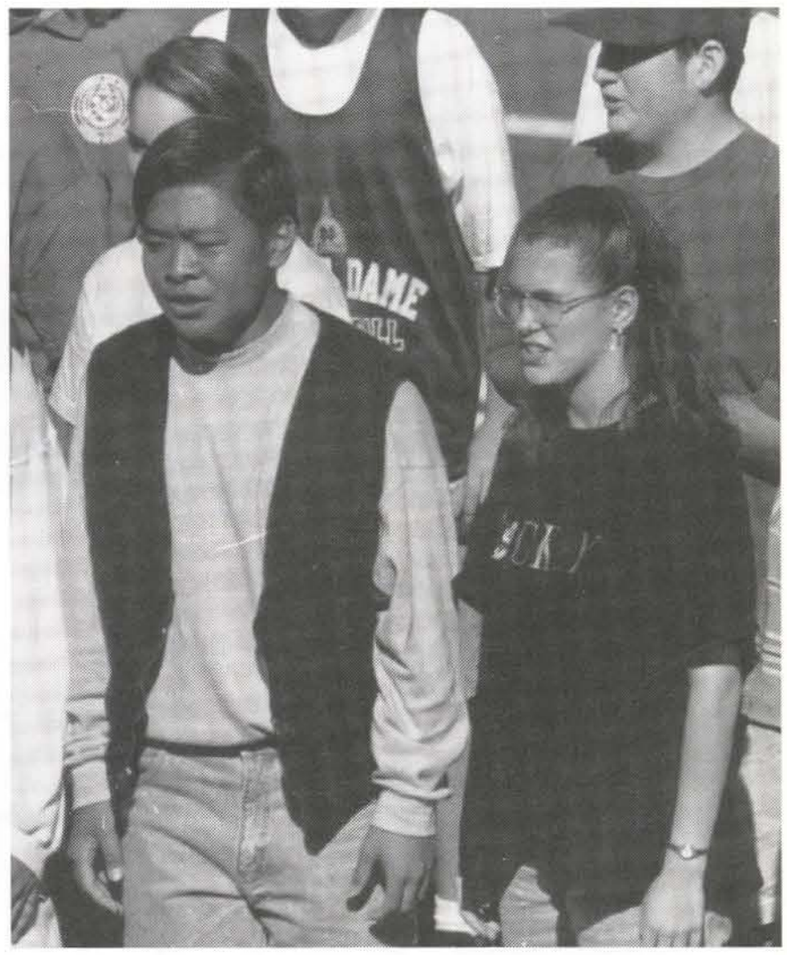
MADRIGAL SINGERS
First Row: Karen Choi, Julie Foster, Amanda Mattingly, Vicky Roberts. Second Row: Bond Lammey, John Kim, Jason VanCauwenberge. Third Row: Molly Hodel, Joydip Chakravarty, Jill Kagy, Travis Hoover. Fourth Row: Gary Thompson, Kim Goodwin, Andy Steadman, Landon Alvey, Kuo-Chiang Lian.

# On the Same Note

CHORUS II
First Row: Jill Albritton, Stacia Thetard, Dana Grzeskowiak, Travis Hoover, Andy Steadman, Joydip Chakravarty, Ryan Crusius, Amanda Mattingly, Amy Magarity, Bond Lammey. Second Row: Molly Hodel, Jill Kagy, Vicki Roberts, Ben Miller, Gary Thompson, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Matt Koglin, Dan Behrns, Jason VanCauwenberge, Jerusha Pederson, Molly McCambridge. Third Row: Katie Curry, Tammy Storbakken, Whitney Wallace, Dylan Featherly, Lucas Schwartzrock, Landon Alvey, Jim Oltman, Brian Moody, Jordan Wallace.

Below: Kuo-Chiang Lian and Kim Goodwin warm up their voices before singing the Alma Mater at the Fall Festival. Lian and Goodwin, along with several others, devote double duty by participating in both Chorus and Madrigals.

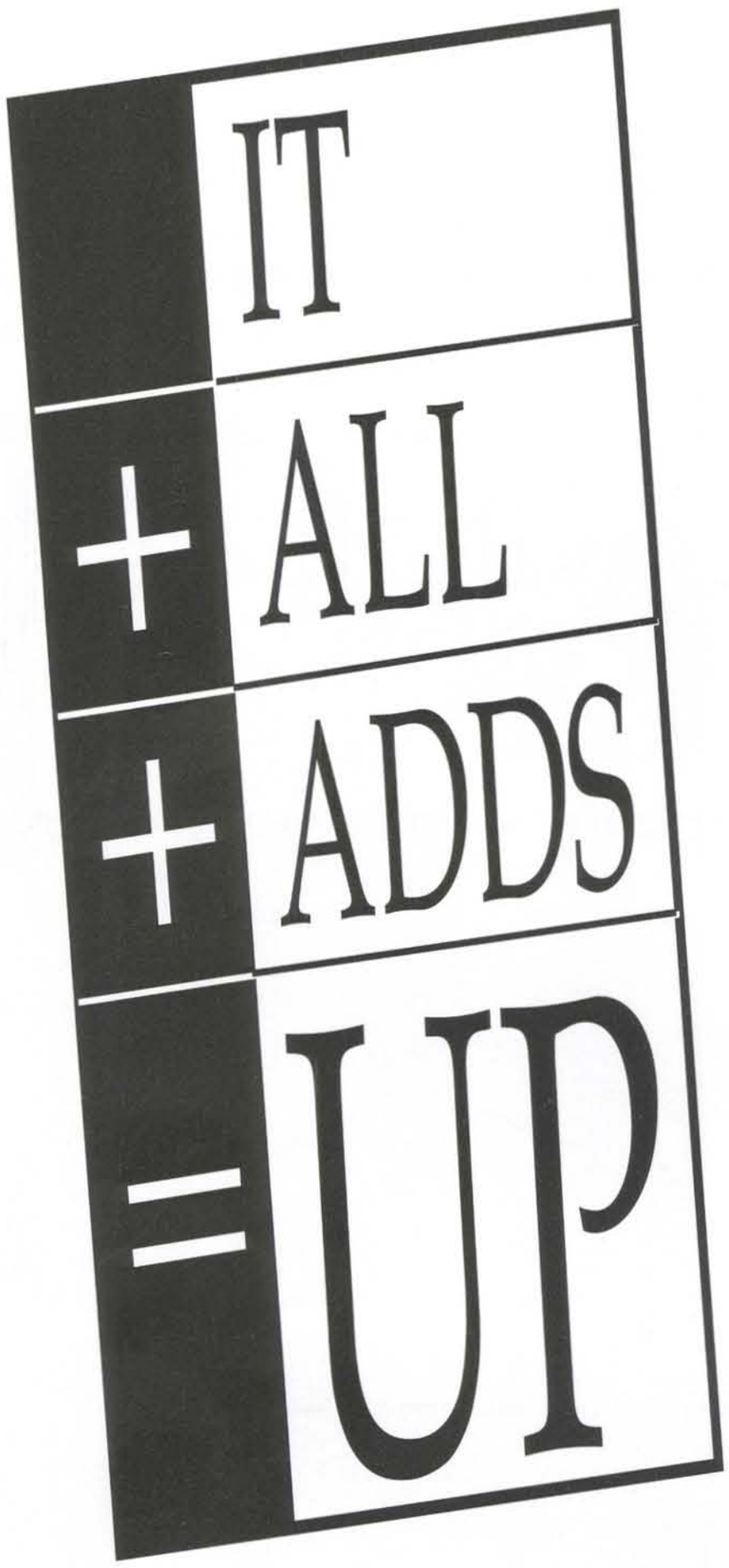




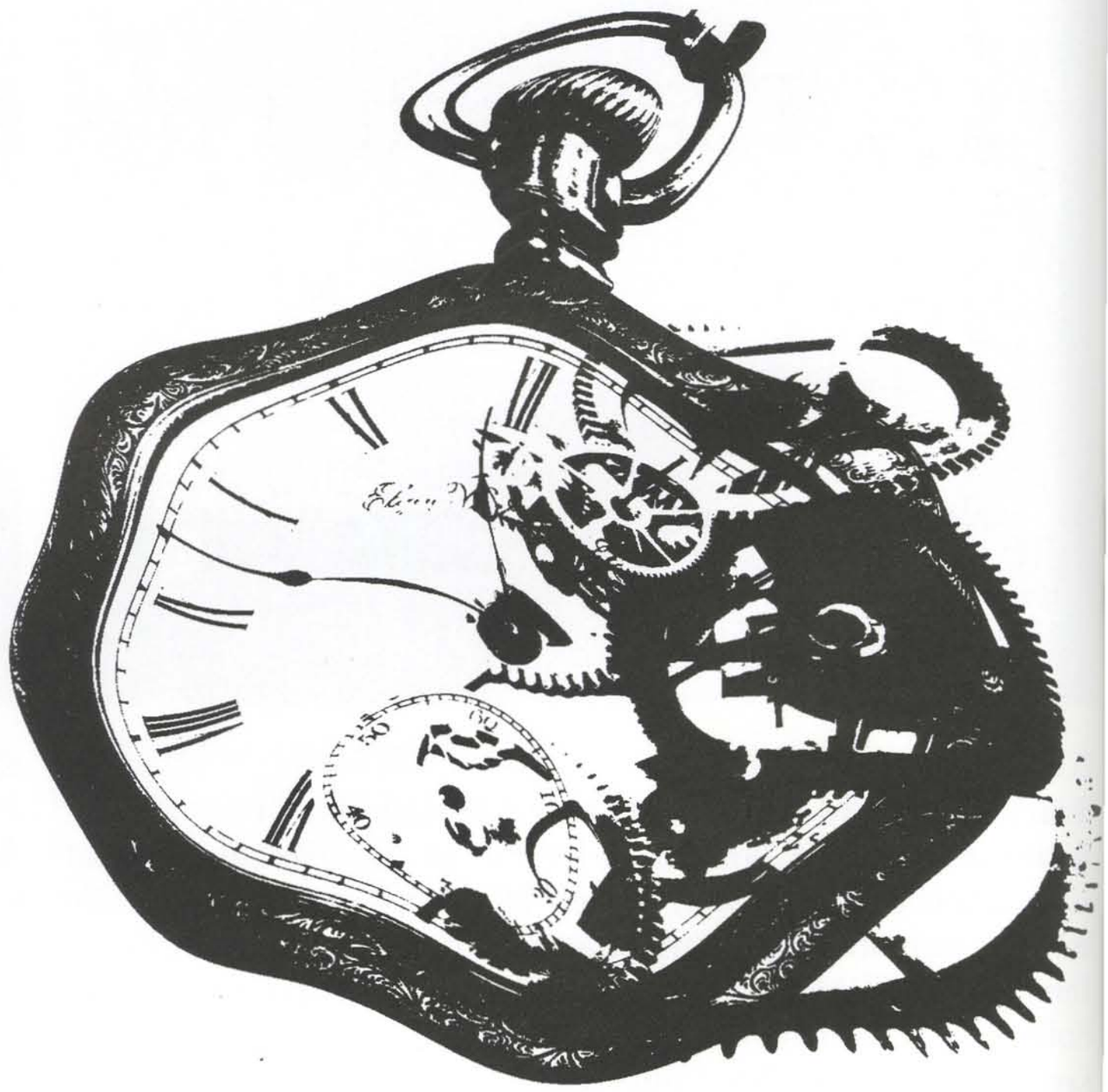
COURT SINGERS
First Row: Amy VanCauwenberge, Natalie Schurter, Brooke Flotkoetter, Sarah Clark, Catie Curry, Monica Hesse. Second Row: Elizabeth Campbell, Tiffany Thetard, Jeanne Hurtz, Katie Brokaw, Brianna Kaufman, Shana Thompson, Wendy Fulton. Third Row: Phil Hoffman, Brandon Albee, David Griffith, Tim Holbrook, Nathanael Gibson, Jonathan Choi, Jacob Olbert, Rob Kerns. Fourth Row: Ben Miller, Lucas Schwarzrock, Jim Oltman, Matt Augspurger, Dan Behrns, Kong Wei.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE
First Row: Polly Middleton, Christine Yee, David Manjarrez, Sally Hoffman. Second Row: Emily Yee, Lynn Cyrus, Rebecca Goodwin. Not pictured: Angela Lathem.

# Future Success; Multiplied




MATH TEAM
First Row: Paul Peng, John Kim, Rekha Ramanuja, Dan Kang, Greg Stephens, Matt Snyder. Second Row: Chis Birge, Jennifer Yang, Giang Tang, Emily Yee, Rachel Wells, Jayna Jones, Drew Patterson. Third Row: Barbara Bills, Brie Gleason, Sara Colba, Hanna Kusumoto, Lynn Cyrus, Faye Yang, Julie Yeagle, Sara Chan, Kim Goodwin. Fourth Row: Carrol Varner, Anne Arnold, Tiffany Thetard, Tina Yang, Linda Fanis, Jim Oltman, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Joydip Chakravarty, Katie Brokaw, Christine Yee. Fifth Row: Ryan Ash, Eric Horna, Brian Diemer, Tom Beccue, Tony Meizelis.



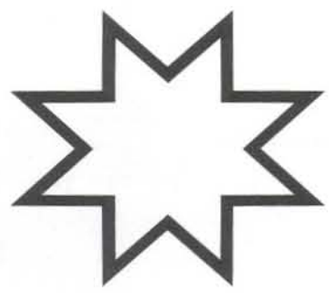
# Adding to the Future

Mu Alpha Theta is a program designed to award scholarships to participating students.

Students must work hard throughout the year to stay above average in their classes. They must maintain at least 3.2 in all their currently enrolled classes and receive at least a 3.5 in the math classes that they have taken at U-High. In addition to these standards, the students must also be currently enrolled in a math class.

With the help of Mu Alpha Theta, students can be awarded scholarships for college and will have benefits regarding their future pursuits.

"Get your mind set. Confidence will lead you."



"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say that you cannot do."

# Looking to the Future

Members of the National Honor Society are chosen at two times during the year, spring and fall. Seniors are chosen to become members during the fall semester. In the spring juniors are selected for induction.

Selections for the National Honor Society are based on a number of criteria including leadership, scholarship, scholastic ability and service work in the school as well as in the community . GPA, extra-curricular acctivities. and involvement are considered for selection.

## National Honor Society

Robert Alstrum-Acevedo
Anne Arnold
Nicholas Barrows
Thomas Beccue
Surekha Bhat
Joydip Chakravarty
Sara Colba
Lynn Cyrus
Brian Diemer
Kimberly Dunsbach
Molly Finch
Katie Foster
Brianna Gleason
Andrew Golumb
Mark Harris
Molly Hodel
Julia Jarvis
John Kim
Kuo-Chiang Lian
Michael Lockhart
John Lutkehaus
Andrew Matthews
Allyson Miller
Shelly Oliver
Kurt Olson
Jerusha Pedersen
Andrew Radar
Rekha Ramanuja
Anthony Segnari
Sonia Sethi
Poorvi Shah
Sarah Stuckey
Nicole Swanson
Giang Tang
Stephanie Te
Jennifer Tempest
Angela Warner
Reginald Warner
Rachel Wells
Kristine Witherow
Faye Yang
Jennifer Yang
Julie Yeagle
Emily Yee

Right: Juniors John Kim, Katie Foster, Reggie Warner, Andrew Golomb, Julia Jarvis and Kristi Witherow join senior Angela Warner to celebrate the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

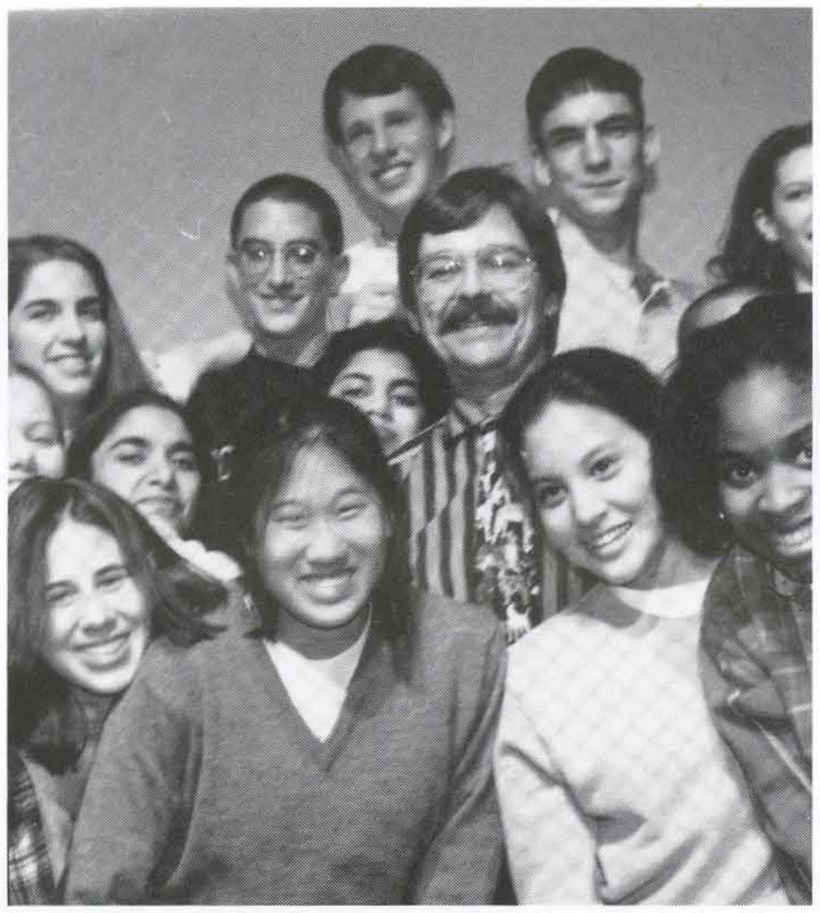
Far Right: Senior Julie Yeagle congratulates junior Shelly Oliver for her many accomplishments, while Mr. Boyd watches with a smile.

Right: The National Honor Society members, along with Mr Boyd and watching parents, applaud the initiates.

# Leading the Future

Left: Faye Yang is always happy to represent the senior class.

Below: Student Senate sponsored a Teen Institute Day. The day gave U-High students an opportunity to learn more about topics ranging from golf to rape.



The members of the senate are elected to represent their class. Senate takes an active role in organizing student activities at U-High

This year, the senate organized activities ranging from all-school dances to blood drives.

In addition to addressing problems with school policies, rules and fund raisers, this year the senate met head to head with the Student Rights Coalition. In October members of the coalition petitioned senators, hoping to limit censorship of Class Night.

Senate acheived many things this year, including silent auctions, raising money for the adopt-a-family program, and the annual sale of student phone directories.

SENATE

First Row: Jayna Jones, Sarah Stuckey, Sonia Sethi, Kim Moore, Eliza McCaw, Jeff Yeagle. Second Row: Amy Van Cauwenberg, Poorvi Shah, Angie Warner, Supna Chaudhari, Christine Yee, Faye Yang, Tina Yang. Third Row: John Kim, Julia Jarvis, Monica Hesse, Patty Liu, Jennifer Yang, Giang Tang. Fourth Row: Ryan Hoelting, Molly McCambridge, Alyssa Jennings, Julie Yeagle, Molly Myers, Judy Yin, Mark Harris. Fifth Row: Kristal Thomas, Emily Yee, Tim Holbrook, Jacob Olbert, Ambikha Bhat, Anne Arnold. Sixth Row: Sponsor Scott Froelich, Carla James, Matt Bradley, Bridget Jones, Eric Schlipf.

# C.A.P.T.A.I.N.S. CAPTIVATE

C.A.P.T.A.I.N.S. has been busy with many programs this year. The purpose of Captains is to help students use their leadership skills to make better leaders out of students. Two programs focused on this year were the "5 P's" and "Above and Beyond."

The "5 P's" were designed to elevate student's self-esteem and create a positive school environment. The "P's" are: Place, Policies, Program, Processes, and People. Groups are to evaluate the areas of each student and understand the students sense of security, identity, belonging, purpose, and competence.

The other program, "Above and Beyond" was intended to bring forth those students who acheieve outside goals not including grades. "Many students are awarded for grades, but not many are noticed for outside goals and acheivements," said J.D. Hawkins. "Above and Beyond" helps other students realize there is more then just student grade point average to make a good student.

CAPTAINS
First Row: Julia Jarvis, Jayna Jones, Supna Chaudhari, Sonia Sethi, Sarah Stuckey, Angela Warner, Julie Yeagle. Second Row: Lindsey O'Neill, Anne Arnold, Faye Yang, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Joydip Chakravarty, Jennifer Yang, Tina Yang. Third Row: Nancy Williams, Andy Matthews, Vincent Smith, Katie Foster, Rin Adelekan, Kyle Hayes. Fourth Row: Jerusha Pedersen, Molly Hodel, Megan Yontz, Mark Harris, Poorvi Shah, Joanie Gerdes, Emily Yee, Nidhi Puri, Giang Tang, Michelle Bandy. Fifth Row: Ryan Crusius, Brian Moody, Wes Hunt, Stephanie Te, John Kim, Kristi Witherow, Judy Yin, Ryan Hoelting, Dave Griffith, Rekha Ramanuja, John Armstrong. Sixth Row: Andy Golomb, Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Eric Schlipf, Reggie Warner, Sohal Patel.

Right: Freshman Sarah Lehr took time out of her busy 12:00 free hour to buy suckers from Key Club members. The selling was to help Key Club raise money for a local children's charity. This was only one of the many activites Key club members have participated in this year.

# LEADING THE FUTURE

CONNECTIONS
First Row: Sonia Sethi, Sarah Stuckey, Ambika Bhat. Second Row: Jayna Jones, Julie Yeagle, Anne Arnold, Supna Chaudhari, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Jennifer Yang. Third Row: Dixie Lewis, Faye Yang, Rachel Wells, Hana Kusumoto, Tina Yang, Crystal Carter, Juile Bisbee. Fourth Row: Andrew Golomb, Eric Schlipf, Mark Harris, Poorvi Shah, Stephanie Te, Ryan Hoelting, Kristy Witherow, Sara Chan, Nidhi Puri, Rob Mentzer.

KEY CLUB
First Row: Elizabeth Campbell, Sara Colba, Hana Kusumoto, Eliza McCaw, Christine Yee, Sarah Clark, Patty Liu. Second Row: Bridget Nord, Jenny Rohern, Becky Ifft, Molly Hodel, Erica Cunningham, Emily Yee, Katie Foster, David Griffith, Noah Larsen, Paul Peng. Third Row: Michelle Bandy, John Armstrong, Meagan Yontz, Tara Hill, Jennifer Yang, Rachel Wells, Angela Warner, Libby Gerdes, Giang Tang, Bryson Engelen. Fourth Row: Sandy Brown, Kristen Milligan, Lauren Bratberg, Rachel Harris, Kelli Mankhe, Julie Yeagle, Faye Yang, Jayna Jones, Stephanie Te, Sonia Sethi, Poorvi Shah. Fifth Row: Brian Deimer, Surekha Bhat, Anne Arnold, Tiffany Thetard, Tina Yang, Sara Faber, Rebecca Martin, Kuo-Chiang Lian, Trudi Schoening, Becky Roediger, Brie Gleason, Kim Goodwin, Katie Brokaw. Sixth Row: Jaime Bills, Carrol Varner, Andy Golomb, Lacey Shirk, Bridget Nord, John Kim, Mike Lockhart, Nancy Williams, Dan Kang, Rekha Ramanuja.

Connections was formed by students for students. It is a peer tutoring group designed for students to help teach their fellow classmates in any subject. Anyone, freshmen and up, can be a part of Connections through the counseling center.

Connections also helps with counseling students. The group is trained to help others with emotional problems. Students are more likely to talk to another student rather then a counselor.

The Key Club is a program based on service and volunteer work. They help with many outside activities, cleanups, fundraisers and other service work.

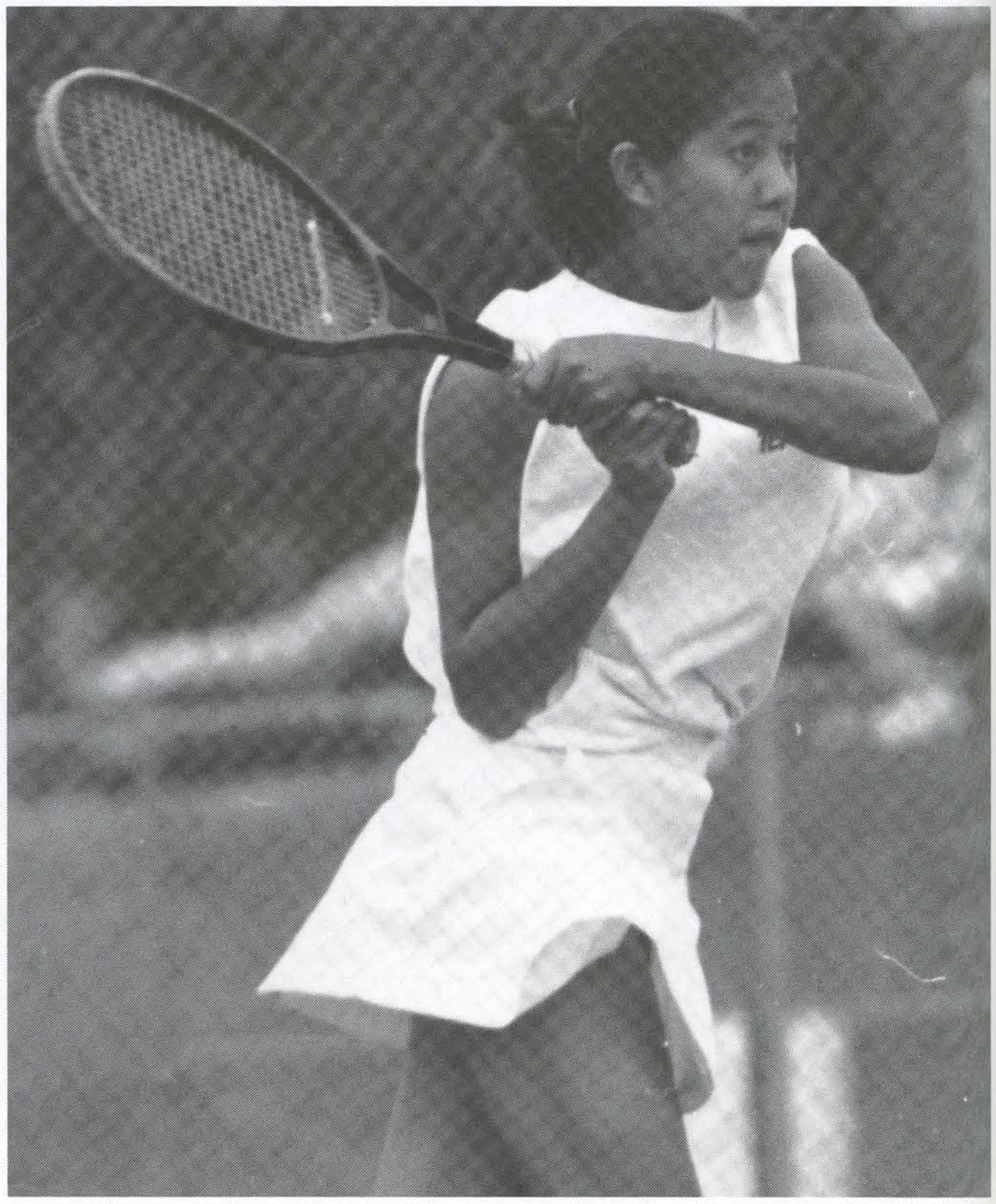
One project they worked on was helping with S.O.A.R. (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation). Group members helped specially challenged kids with outside activities such as swimming, baseball, softball,etc. "The Key Club is a great experience for students to have fun and make a difference in another person's life," said sophomore Catie Curry.

Right: Junior David Griffith takes time to examine his upcoming putt on the fifth green at Prarie Vista Golf Course. Griffith was an essential member of the State team.

## A Promising Future

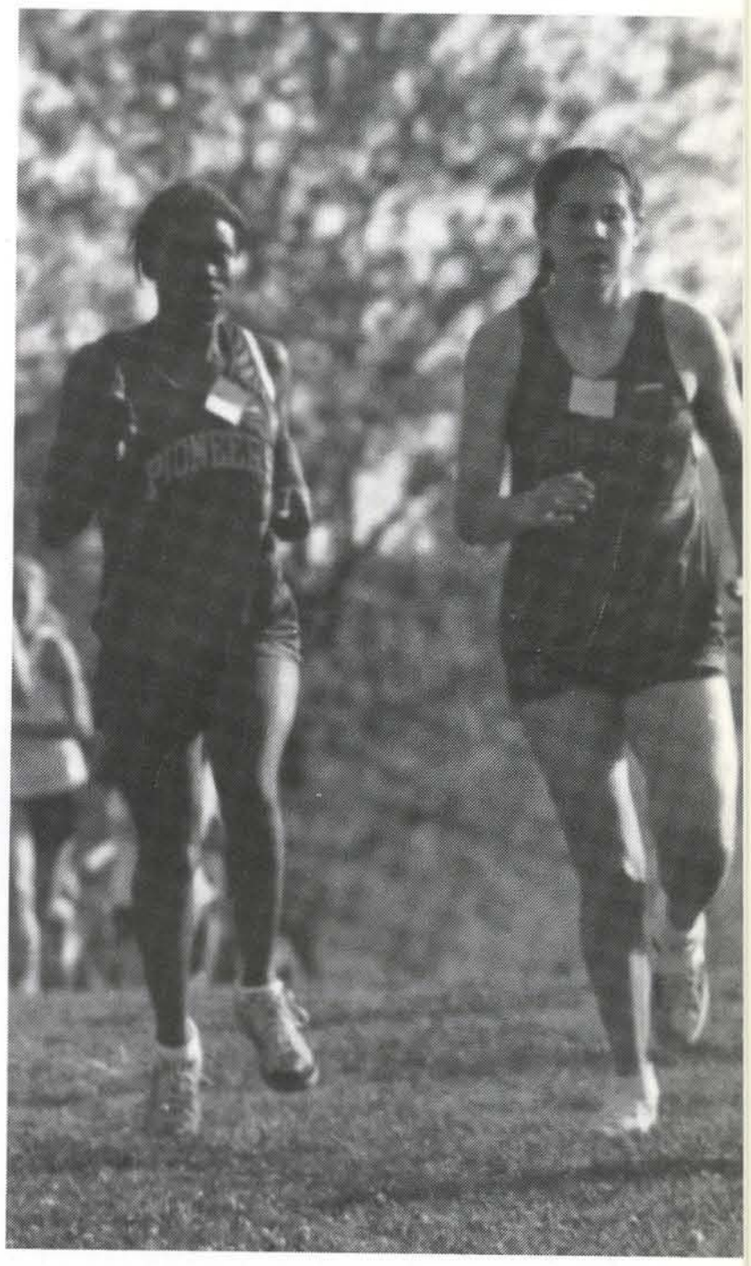
The fall sports season was an amazing success this year. With members from 6 out of 8 varsity teams qualifying for State, the Pioneers had much to be proud of. Along with the seniors, many underclassmen participated in varsity athletics this year. Ready to face the challenges of next year, the underclassmen hope for continuing success. The future holds many promises.

Above: Senior quarterback Kurt Olson throws a winning pass during the Homecoming Game against Bureau Valley.



Right: Varsity player Judy Yin, a junior, returns a serve from a Metamora player.

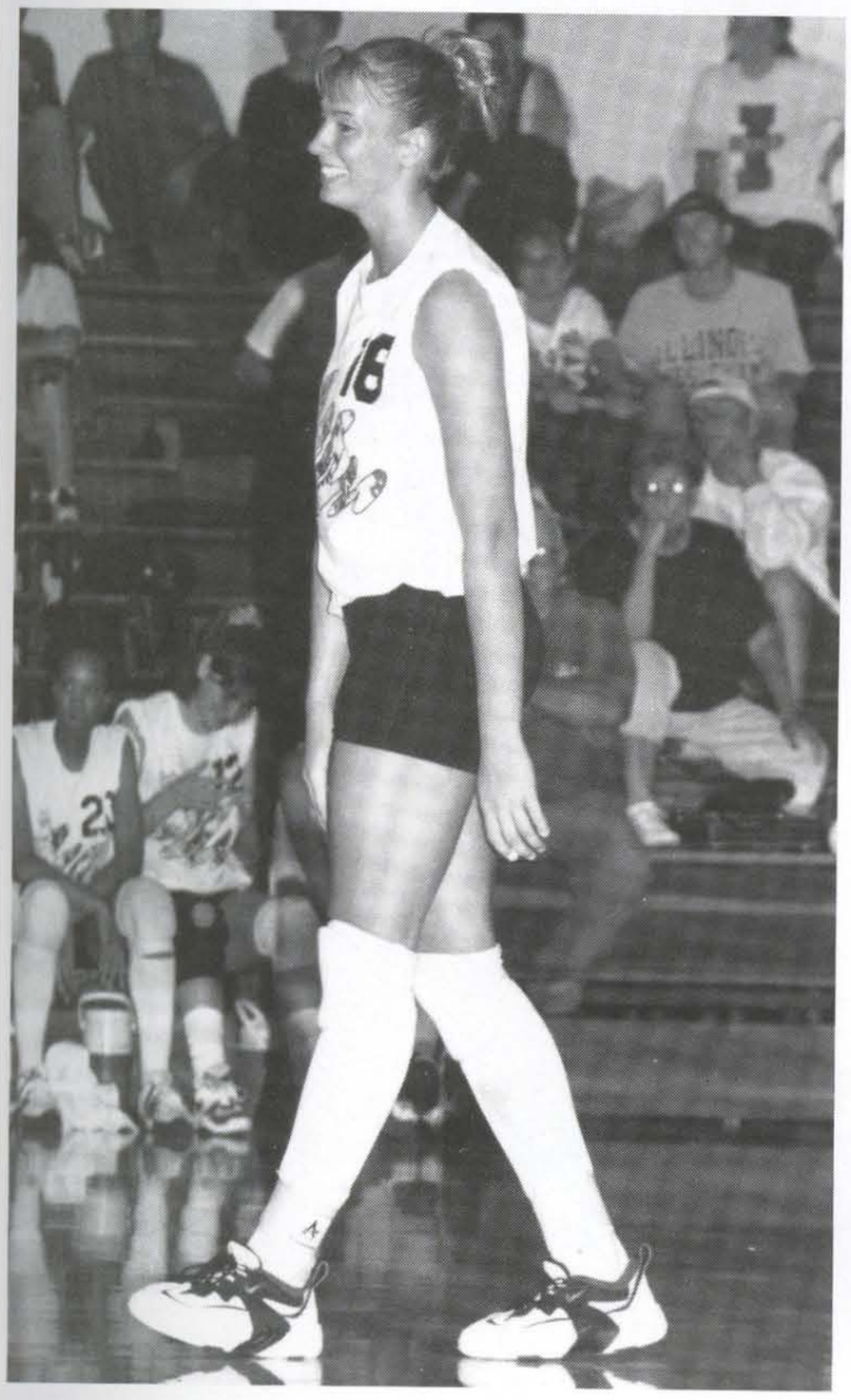
# Sports Start Here



Above Left: Junior Andy Cunningham artfully tries to steal the ball from Limestone player number 12.

Above: Seniors Chela Kapanga and Rachel Wells run hard in the Cross Country Cornbelt Conference meet.

Left: Freshman Emily Greenspan glides past the competition from Dunlap at Horton Pool.

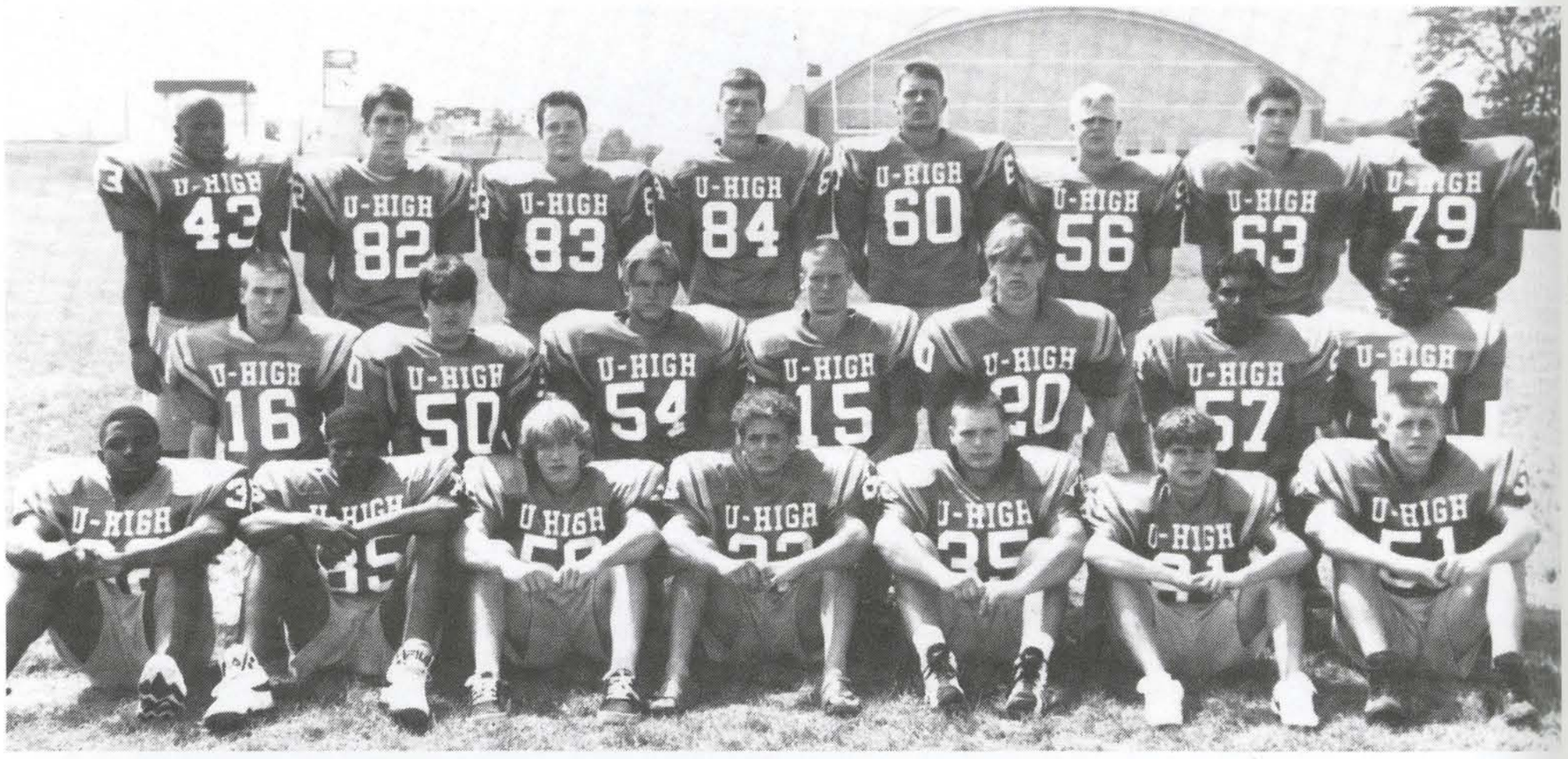


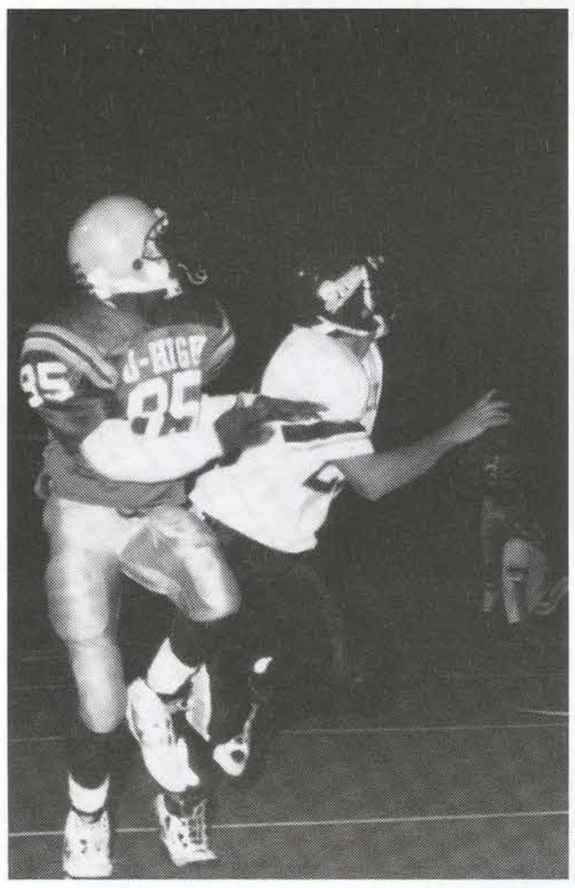
Left: Senior Rebecca Dady flashes a winning smile after scoring a point on opposing team, Pontiac.

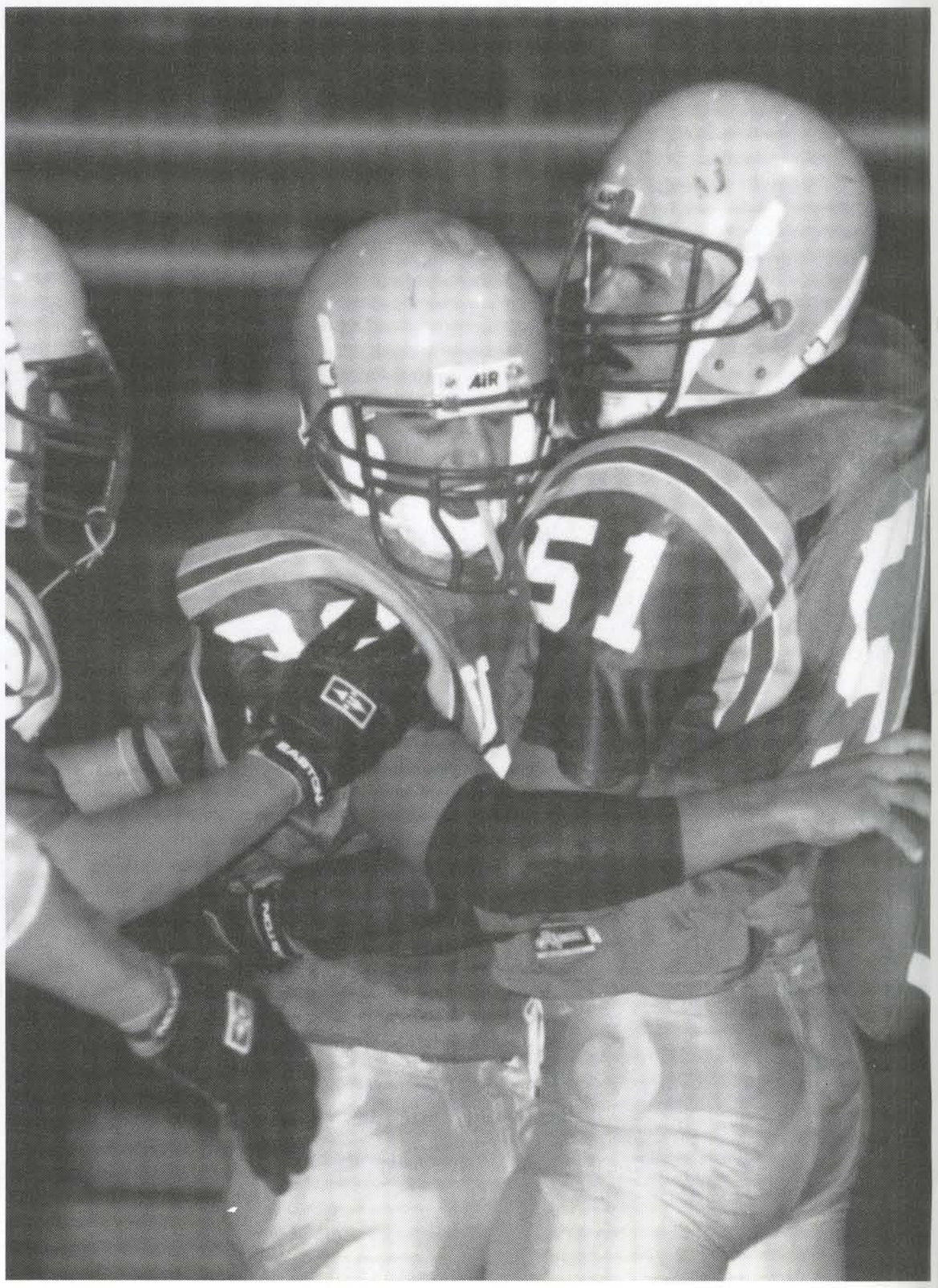
# Start the Season

Football continued the winning tradition of fall sports this year. The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen sqauds all had winning seasons. The varsity squad, led by Coach Dirk Smid, continued the winning football tradition by advancing to the quarterfinals. Co-captains were senior Kurt Olson and junior Andy Rader. Olson was voted the Most Valuable Player by his teammates. Seniors Nick Cottone, Olson, and Wes Hunt were named to the All-Area team. Hunt was also named All-State center. Junior running back Chad Schulz took home the honor of WJBC Intercity Player of the Year. After dropping back to back games to Intercity rival Central and Pontiac, U-High won eight games in a row to assure a playoff spot. U-High turned up the juice in the playoff season. Non-ranked U-High defeated ranked Clifton Central and Pontiac in the first and second rounds. The Pioneers dropped a heartbreaker to oversized Spring Valley Hall, who went on to win the 3A championship. "I definitely think that the high point of the season was beating Pontiac in the second round," said Gavin Kalley.

VARSITY
First Row: Chris Murphy, Michael Lockhart, Adam Steuck, Chad Schulz, Andy Rader, Danny Bradley, Wade Kennedy. Second Row: Gavin Kalley, Nick Cottone, Brian Moody, Kurt Olson, Rob Chester, Devin Padavil, Jason Hunter. Third Row: Jordan Wallace, Tom Beccue, Curtis Robinson, Karmy Kays, Wes Hunt, Ryan Crusius, Tony Varda, Max Marshall.



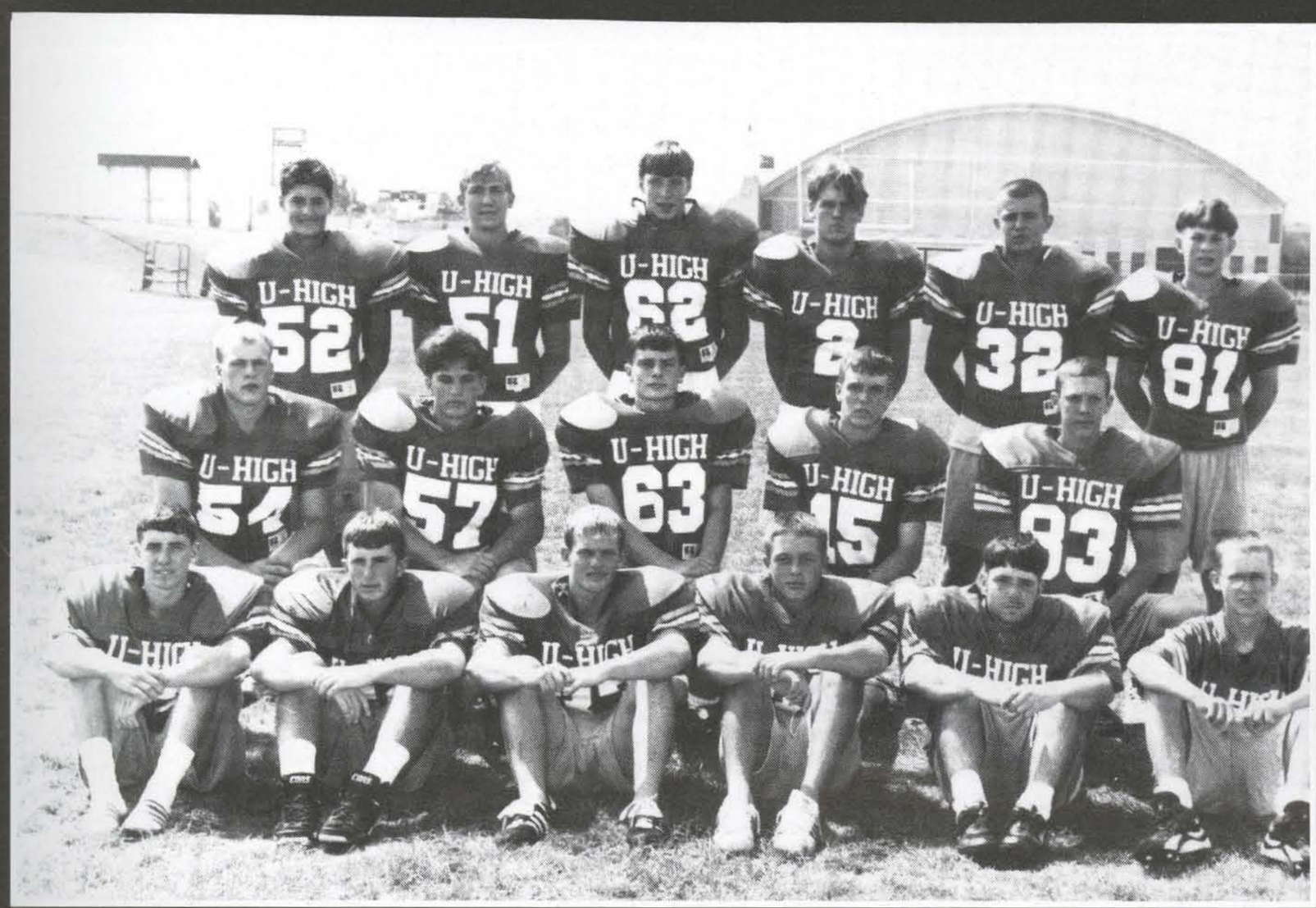



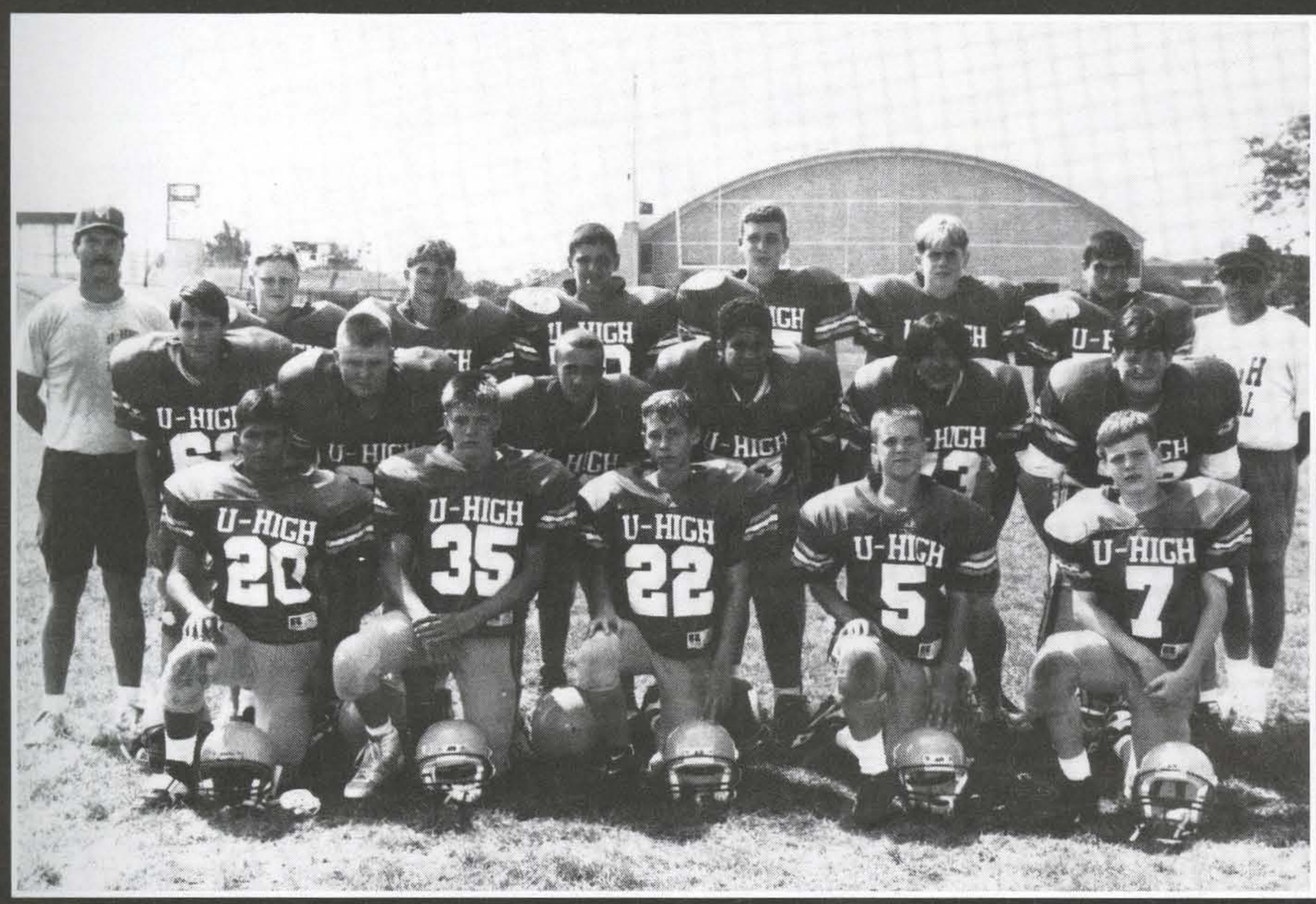


Above: Junior Michael Lockhart sets up for a perfect catch from quarterback Kurt Olson. Lockhart, known to his teammates as "Spider", was an All-Conference second team defensive pick.

Right: Juniors Wade Kennedy and Chad Schulz congratulate each other after a big play in the Homecoming game. The Pioneers crushed Bureau Valley, 44-20.

J.V.
First Row: John Donovan, Brian Flynn, Calen Foster, Jamison Bills, Joe Schmidt, Curtis Evans. Second Row: Tom Benjamin, Phil Beccue, Paul Gebhardt, Nick Smith, Brett Mapel. Third Row: Matt Augspurger, Kris Schwartzrock, Jason Halm, Pete Martin, Ben Knapp, Billy Elmore.

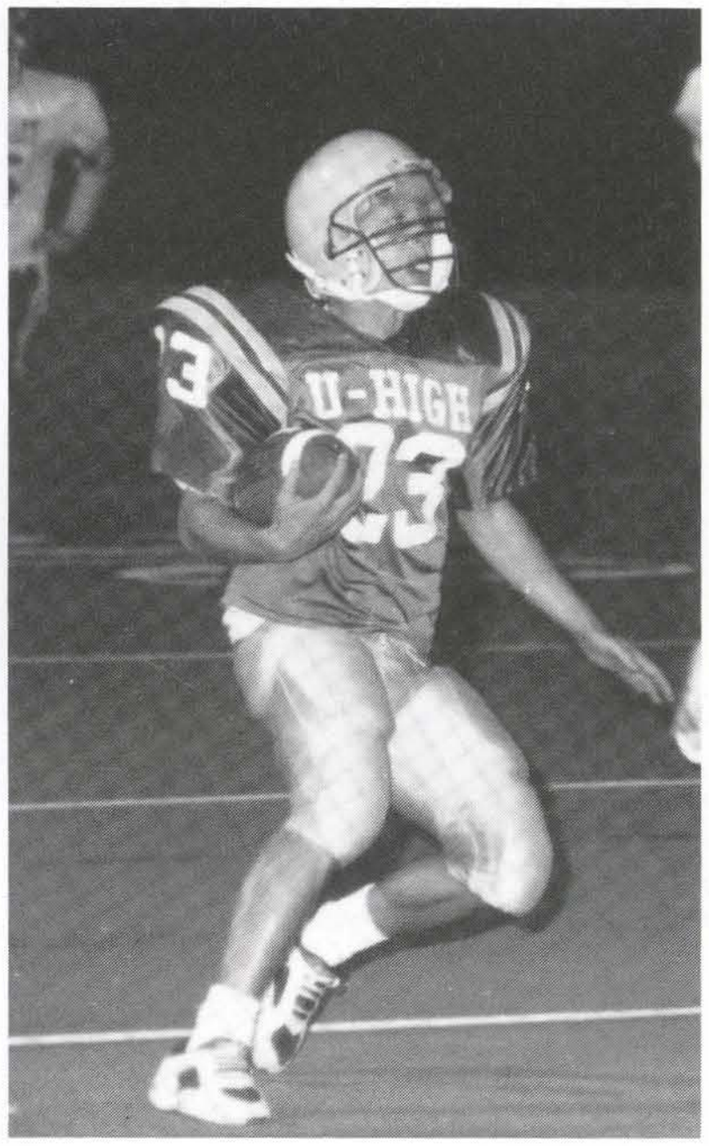



FRESHMEN
First Row: Eric Diaz, Matt Ritter, Tim Holbrook, Ryan Thoennes, Gabe Weis. Second Row: Matt Bell, Brad Nichols, Aaron Leach, Casey Motematy, Peter Stroyan, Mike Ducett. Third Row: Coach Smith, T.J. Crusius, Justin Smith, Blake Knapp, Joel Searby, Luke Harding, E.J. Kelly, Coach Gault.

## Scoreboard

| | |
|---|---|
| Argenta | W |
| Central Catholic | L |
| Pontiac | L |
| Mahomet-Seymour | W |
| Prairie Central | W |
| Bureau Valley | W |
| Olympia | W |
| Dunlap | W |
| Mommence | W |
| Clifton Central | W |
| Pontiac | W |
| Spring Valley Hall | L |



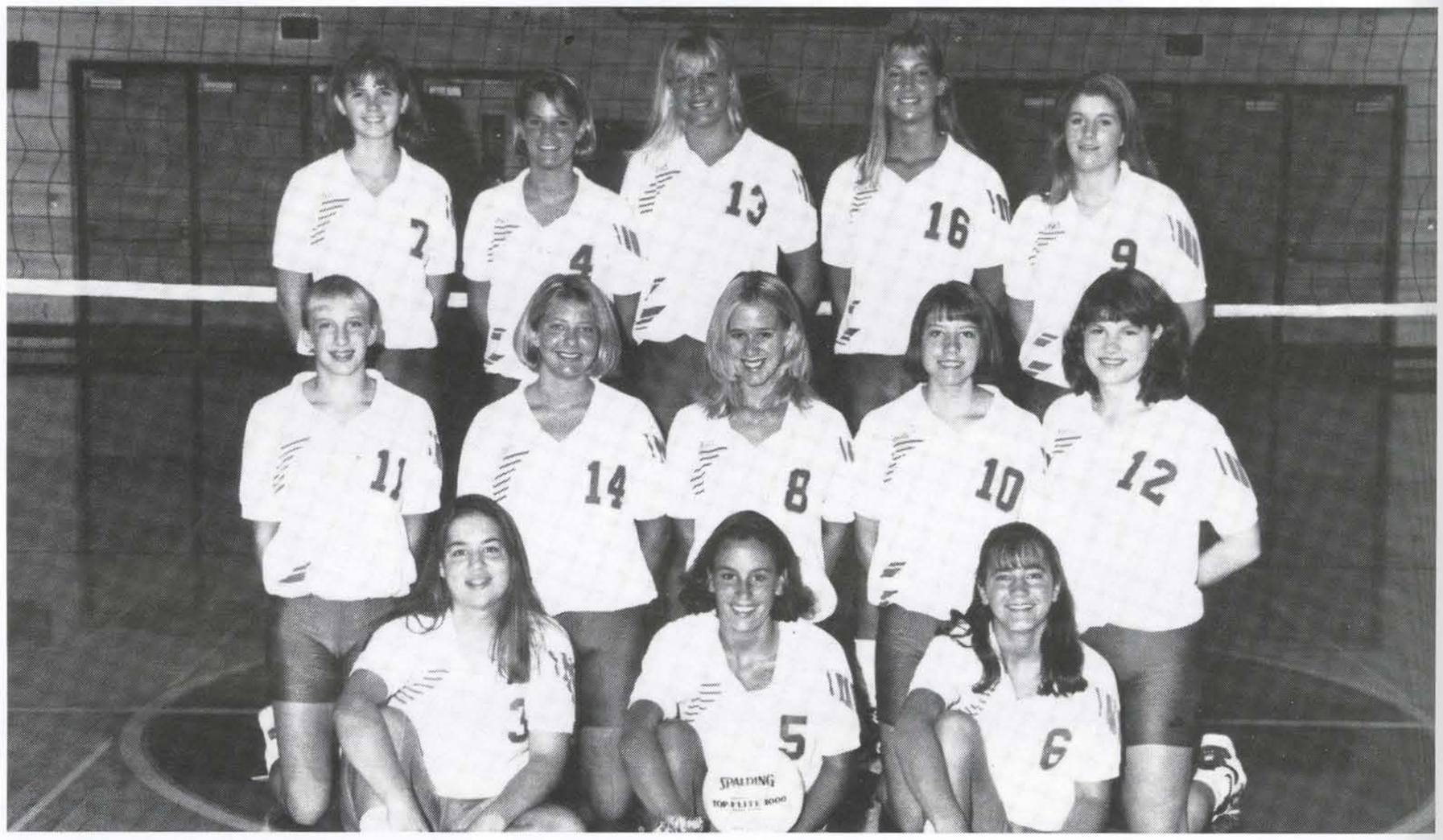

Above: Sophomore Jamison Bills shows his quickness during the game against Bureau Valley. Bills was one of the many sophomores to contribute to the varsity squad.

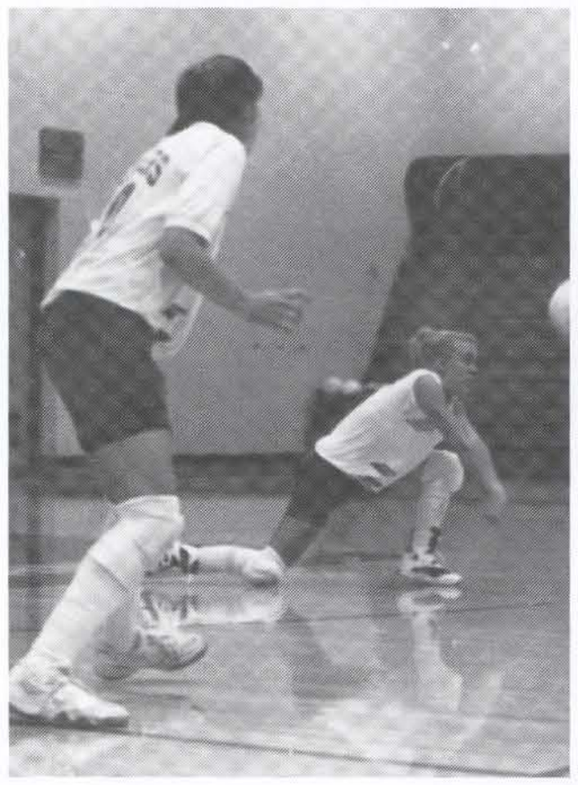
# Off to a Fast Start

This year's volleyball season began with a fast start. Varsity finished with a great season record of 34-4. Before the season began, there was a possibility of middle hitter Jenelle Halm not being able to play due to an ankle injury. Thankfully, she recovered and came back stronger than ever alongside fellow senior Rebecca Dady. "Jenelle and Rebecca seem to compliment each other," said coach Char Lehnen. Dady broke the state record for having 1393 kills.

The junior varsity and freshman teams worked hard all season. Athough the freshman team's record was zero, they learned from their mistakes and will come back even stronger next year.

VARSITY
First Row: Kristy Ralston, Kristi Witherow, Jenny Rohern. Second Row: Heidi Kuethe, Sarah Johnson, Erin O'Connor, Mandy Tucker, Jodi Lanier. Third Row: Kristen Berry, Joanie Gerdes, Jenelle Halm, Rebecca Dady, Erica Otto. Not Pictured: La'eequ Khalilallah.





Right: Sophomore Erin O'Connor goes down fast for a hard dig while sophomore Mandy Tucker waited to set to the hitter.

Above Right: Senior Rebecca Dady spikes the ball over the net into her opponent's face.

Right: Varsity volleyball players Jenny Rohren, sophomore, Erica Otto, junior, and Kristen Berry,senior, celebrate Rebecca Dady's newly set state record. Dady broke the record for kills.

FRESHMEN
First Row: Mary Beth Richardson, Kelly Beer, Christine Yee, Rebecca Goodwin, Courtney McNiff, Tory Schollaert. Second Row: Coach Wendy Smith, Katie Wright, Elizabeth Eynatten, Susan Bertsche, Heidi Roesch, Kim Mathile, Lane Lampert. Not Pictured: Tara Wirsing, Lauren Weber.

JUNIOR VARSITY
First Row: Sherreka Beverly, Julie Foster, Darlene Carmzino, Rebecca Fritz, Toni DeCristofaro. Second Row: Sally Straub, Tammy Storbakken, Stephanie Clawson, Kim Bradshaw. Third Row: Laura Jennings, Shana Thompson, La'eeqa, Sara Colba, Michelle Bandy. Not Pictured: Julie Bisbee, Melissa Mercier, Grace Dessa, Nicole Pittman, Amanda Finch, Amy Magarity.

## Scoreboard

**Varsity Volleyball**

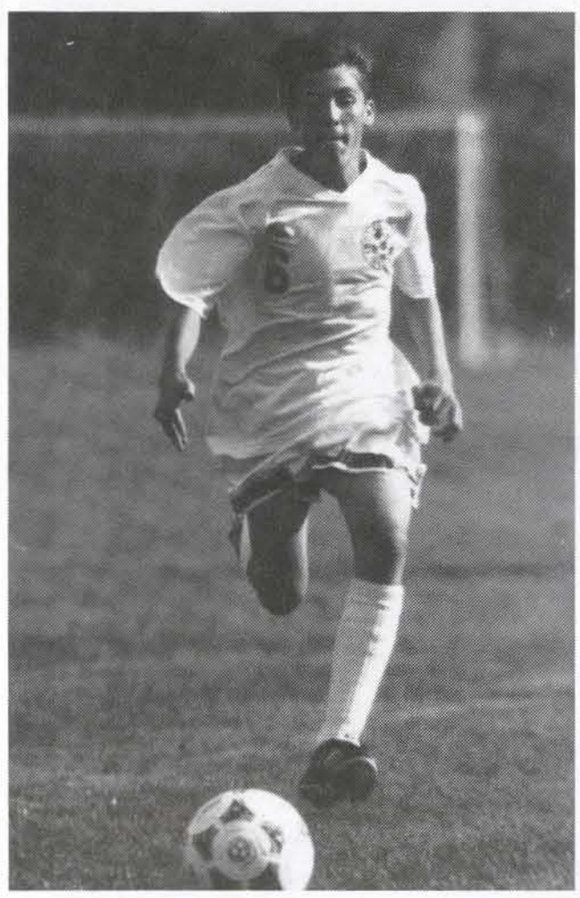
| | |
|---|---|
| **Opponent** | **UH** |
| **Intercity:** | |
| **NCHS** | **Win** |
| **CCHS** | **Win** |
| **BHS** | **Win** |
| **NCW** | **Win** |
| **United Township:** | |
| **Colchester** | **Win** |
| **RIA** | **Win** |
| **Notre Dame** | **Win** |
| **B. Bourbonnais** | **Win** |
| **Season Record** | **34-4** |

Above: Junior Joanie Gerdes congratulates senior Rebecca Dady on a job well done. Dady broke the state record of 1,385 kills with 1,393 kills of her own.

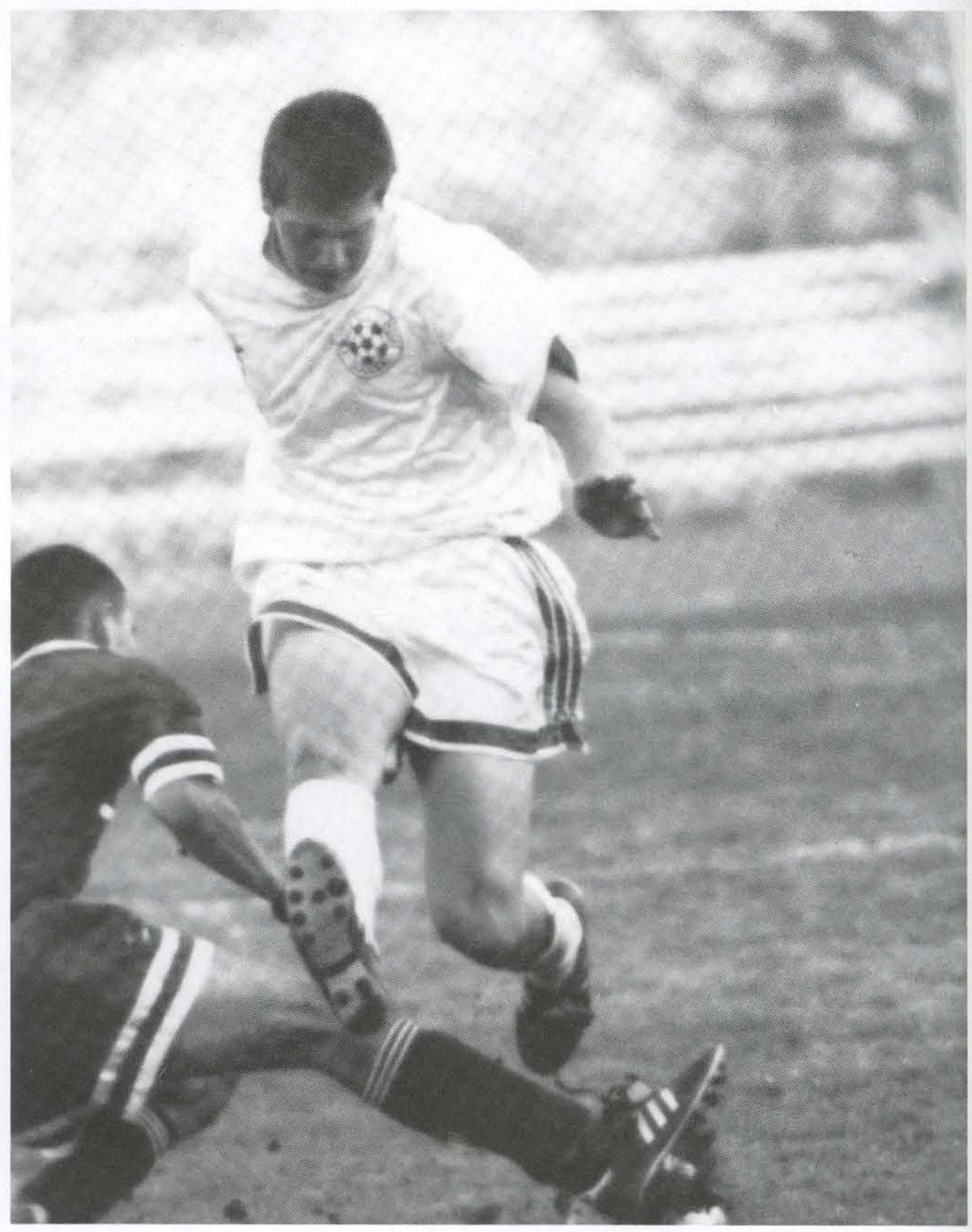
# Soccer Finishes Strong

This year's soccer team definitely had an exciting season. The team finished the year at 17-5-1. The team was coached by Bodo Fritzen, and the assistant coaches were Scott Froelich and John Fritzen. Junior Jeremy Stanton received All-Midwest honors and junior Mark Moon recieved All-Sectional honors. The team especially improved during the postseason where they won both the Regional and Sectional titles but lost to Quincy in the Super-Sectionals. Quincy went on to place fourth in State but U-High was pleased with their top 16 showing. Highlights of the season were their first place showing in the Peoria Notre Dame Tournament and a first time defeat of Springfield High. "We had a good regular season but we really picked it up for the playoffs," said Junior Captain Tony Niebur. Reaching the Super-Sectionals was the farthest any U-High soccer team had ever reached and the team was extremely excited. "Playing Quincy in the Super-Sectional was the greatest feeling of my soccer career," said senior Brad Allen.

Below: Captain Tony Niebur, a junior, controls the soccer ball in front of the Champaign Central goal mouth. Niebur was elected captain by Coach Bodo Fritzen. "Tony did an excellent job in demonstrating leadership on and off the field," said Fritzen.



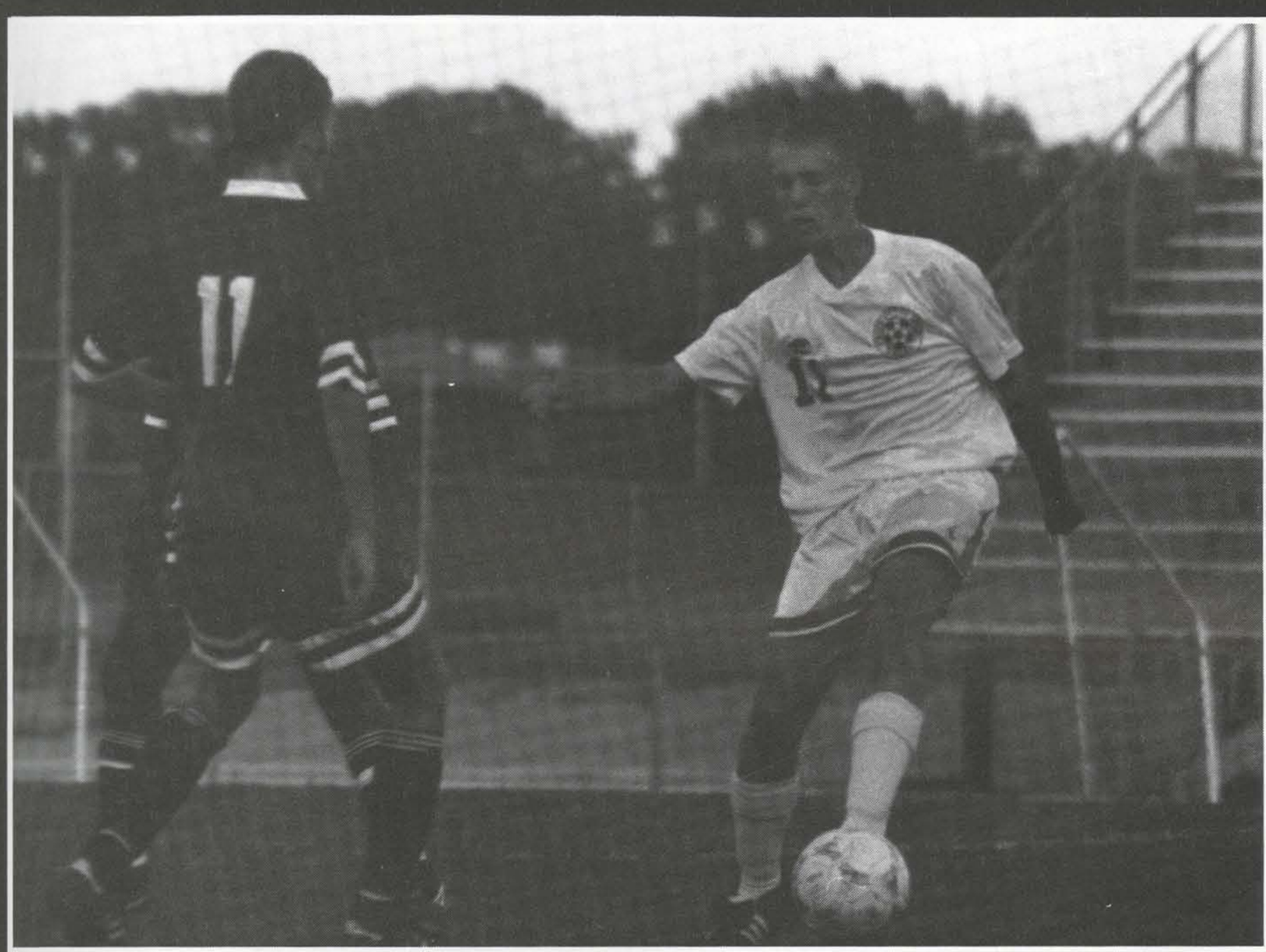
Above: Sophomore Joe Singer dribbles the ball downfield. Singer was one of six underclassmen who dressed varsity.



Right: Senior Zach Kuethe takes on a Champaign Central defender during the team's only home loss of the season. The U-High team was an astonishing 9-1-1 at home.

BOYS SOCCER

First Row: Ryan Ash, Paul Drinan, Brian Houghton. Second Row: Jonathan Williamson, Joshua Bertolet, Jeffrey Bertolet, Joseph Singer, Tony Nelson, Aaron Reffitt, Mark Henrichs, Matt Richter. Third Row: Kyle LaBounty, Scott Powell, Mark Katz, Andy Cunningham, Tony Niebur, David Trouille, James Sallee, Mike Nelson. Fourth Row: Coach Bodo Fritzen, Jacob Wallgren, Brad Allen, John Allen, Alexander Kowerko, Ryan Hoelting, Kevin Jones, Mark Moon, Aaron Bareither, Zach Kuethe, Asst. Coach Scott Froelich.



Below: M.V.P. Jeremy Stanton figures out the best move for a to a Pioneer goal. Stanton for the third year in a row lead the team in scoring. At this pace Stanton has a chane of breaking the state record of goals scored. His teammates were very grateful for his goal contribution. "Jeremy is a tremendous soccer player and we are really lucky he is on our side," said Junior Ryan Hoelting who recieved the Most Spirited Award.

## Scoreboard

| Opponent | UH |
|---|---|
| Peoria Notre Dame | W |
| Tournament | |
| Limestone | W |
| Decatur Mac. | W |
| Peoria Christian | T |
| Morton | W |
| Normal West | W |
| Eisenhower | L |
| East Moline | W |
| Champaign Central | L |
| Quincy | L |
| Chatam | L |
| Normal | W |
| Springfield | W |
| Bloomington | W |
| Williamsville | W |
| Washington | W |
| **Post Season** | |
| Mahomet Seymor | W |
| Morton | W |
| Champaign Central | W |
| Urbana | W |
| Quincy | L |

Record 17-5-1

Above: Junior David Trouille concentrates on his footing during a U-High home game. Trouille is one of nine returning starters from last's year team.

# U-High Golf: Great from Start to Finish

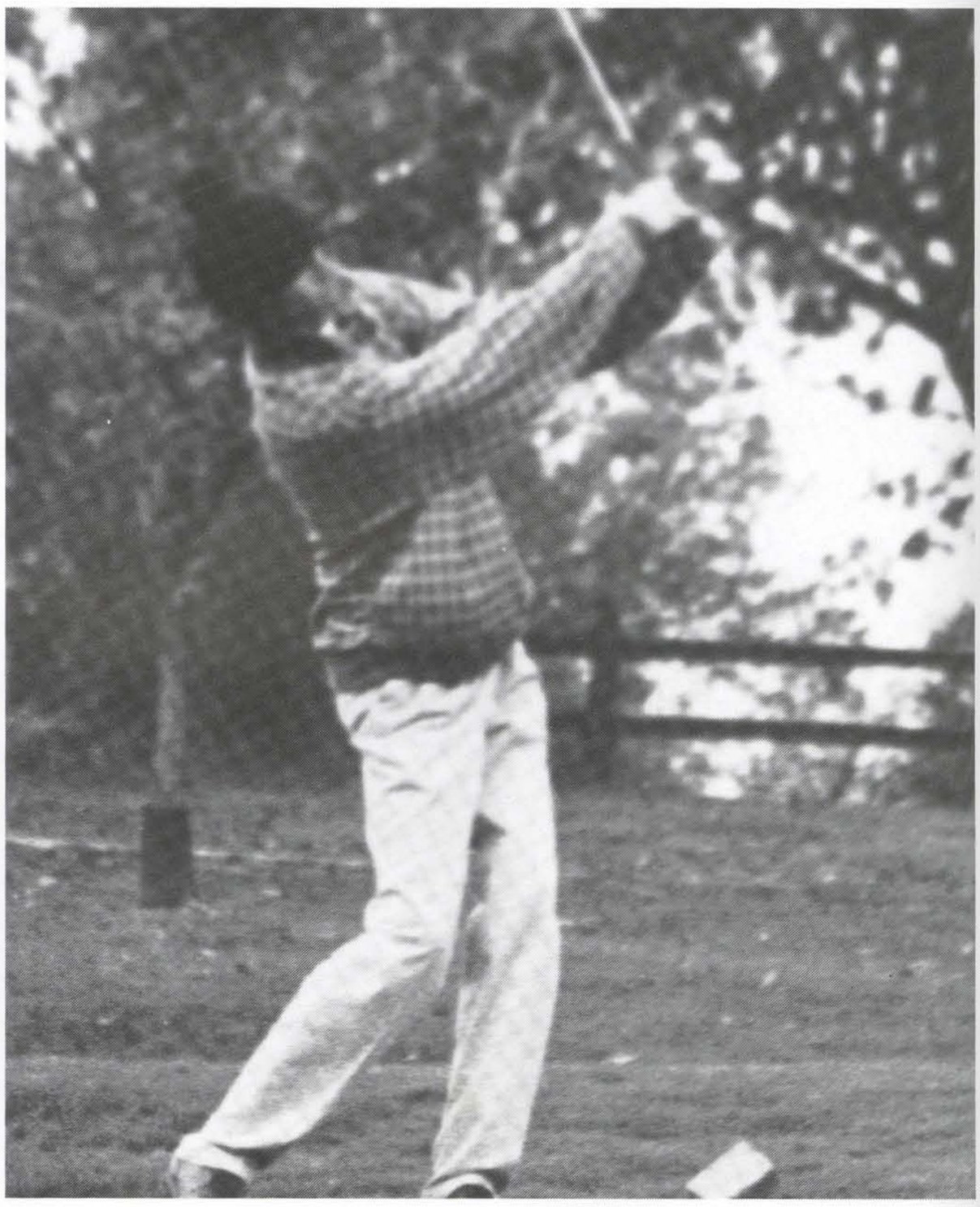
The U-High Golf legacy lives on. With a dual match record of 11-2, the championship titles from the Corn Belt Conference, the Galesberg Invitational, Intercity, the Redbird Classic, Regionals and Sectionals, and fourth place in the State tournament, the boys had a great season. On top of their successes, the Pioneers learned much more that just the game of golf. "These guys played their hearts out. I couldn't be more proud of them," said coach John McQueary. "The boys learned life long lessons about fair play and great friendships."

BOYS VARSITY GOLF:
First Row: Nick Cashian, Pat Milligan, Mike Nolan, David Griffith, Josh Wheeler, Nick Anderson. Second Row: Noah Larsen, John Armstrong, Adam Milligan, Andy Powers, Brian Wilson, Andy Hinthorne. Third Row: Coach John McQueary, Nate Romance, Todd Mitchell, Darrin York, Ryan Hosch, Lance McMillan, Assistant Coach Tony Lane.

**Scoreboard**

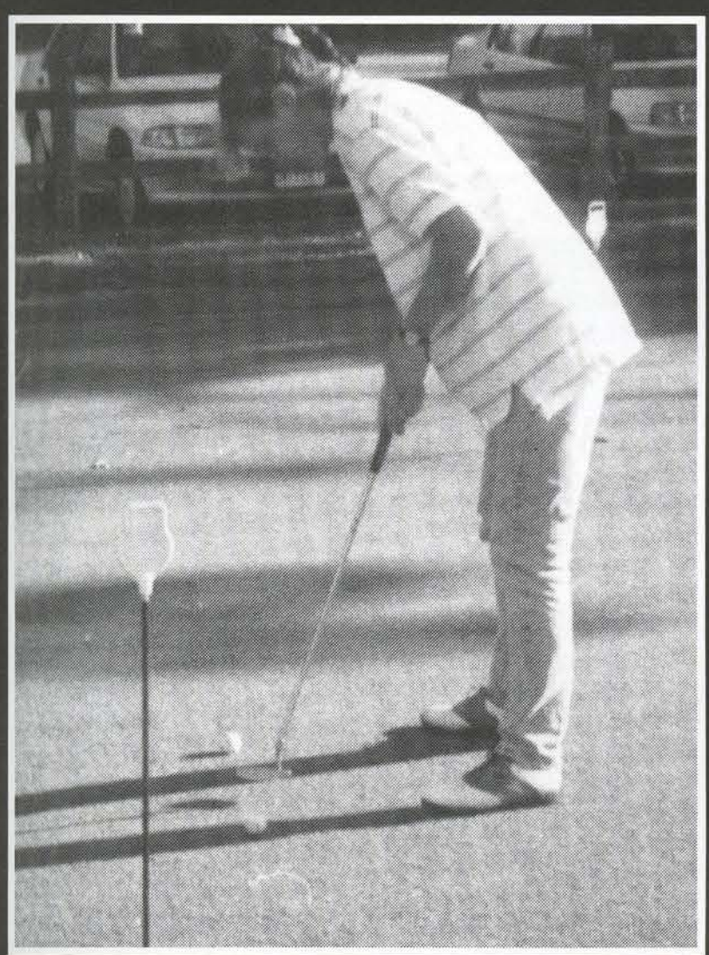
| Tournament UH | |
|---|---|
| Midland Inv. | 1st |
| Monmouth Inv | 2nd |
| Redbird Classic | 1st |
| Livingston County Invitational | 3rd |
| Havana Inv. | 2nd |
| Intercity | 1st |
| Galesburg Inv. | 1st |
| Cornbelt Conference | 1st |
| Champaign Centennial Invitational | 5th |
| Regionals | 1st |
| Sectionals | 1st |
| State | 4th |

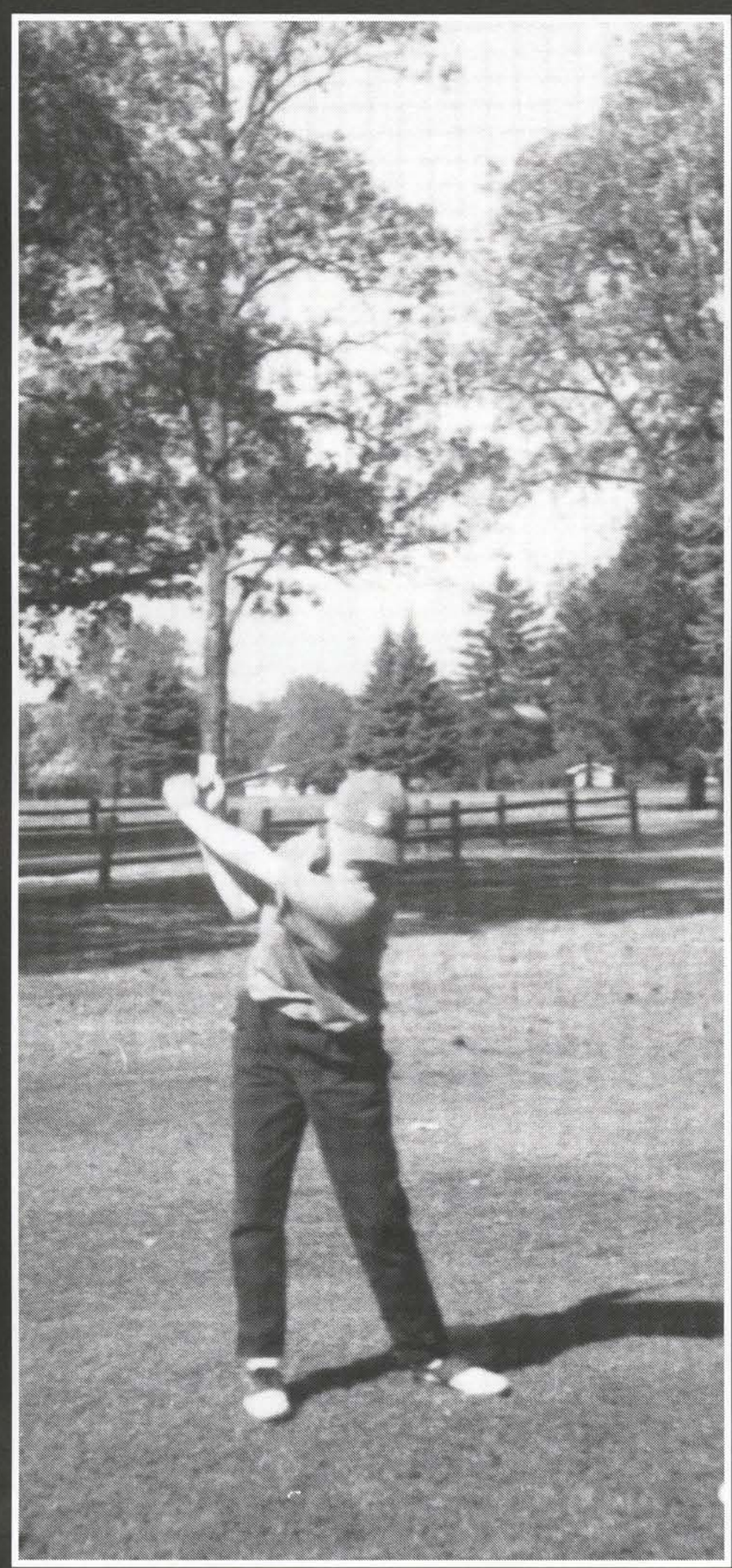
Above: Junior John Armstrong practices putting before teeing off for the second round of the State tournament. State took place at Prarie Vista Golf Course this year.



Right: Senior Todd Mitchell hits another of his perfect drives to shoot par on hole five at Prarie Vista.

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
First Row: Kristin Milligan, Coach Cal Hubbard. Second Row: Jenny Wojcik, Amanda McKnight, Jill Wendling., Molly Finch. Not Pictured: Lauren Bratberg, Amanda Finch and Stacia Thetard.





Above: Senior Jill Wendling takes a few moments to practice putting before a big match against Pontiac.

Left: Senior Krisy Milligan takes a skillful practice swing before roping another drive. Krisy was this season's Most Valuable Player.

## Scoreboard

| Tournament | UH |
|---|---|
| Ironmen Invitational | 5th |
| Livingston County Invitational | 1st |
| Galesburg Invitational | 4th |
| Corn Belt Conference | 2nd |
| Intercity | 1st |
| Regionals | 1st |
| Sectionals | 4th |
| State Finals | 15th |

It was an amazing season for the girls golf team this year. Faced with the challenge of only five returning '94 teammates, the girls were prepared to play their hardest. Gaining only three new members to bring the team size to eight, the girls went out to prove that size isn't everything.

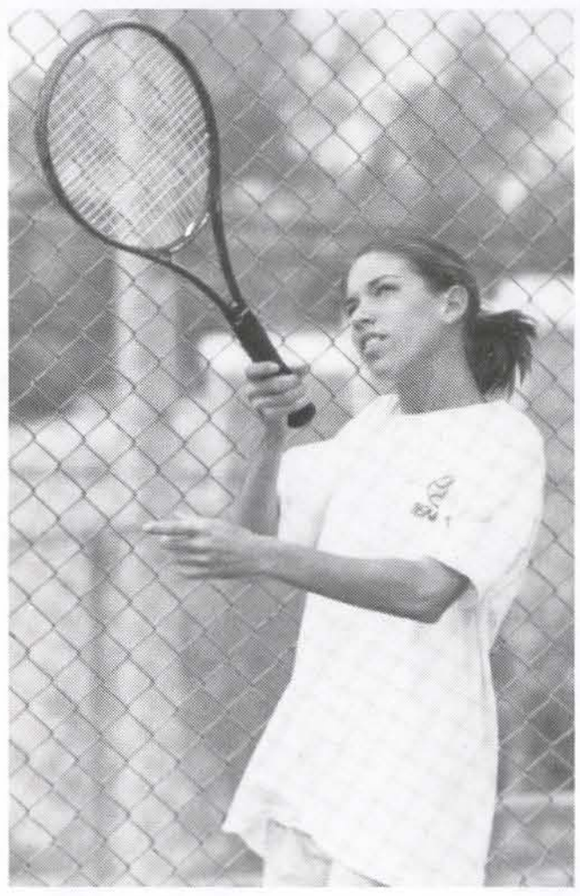
The '95 season has been the best in U-High girls golf history. For the first time ever, the team made it to State. "It was great just being there," said varsity player, senior Jill Wendling regarding the team's State performance.

In addition to qualifying for the State Finals, the girls had many other successes. The Pioneers claimed the titles of Intercity, the Livingston County Invitational and Regionals as well as finishing 2nd in the Corn Belt Conference and 4th at Sectionals. Said varsity player, senior Molly Finch, "No one expected us to do as well as we did. We shocked everybody!"

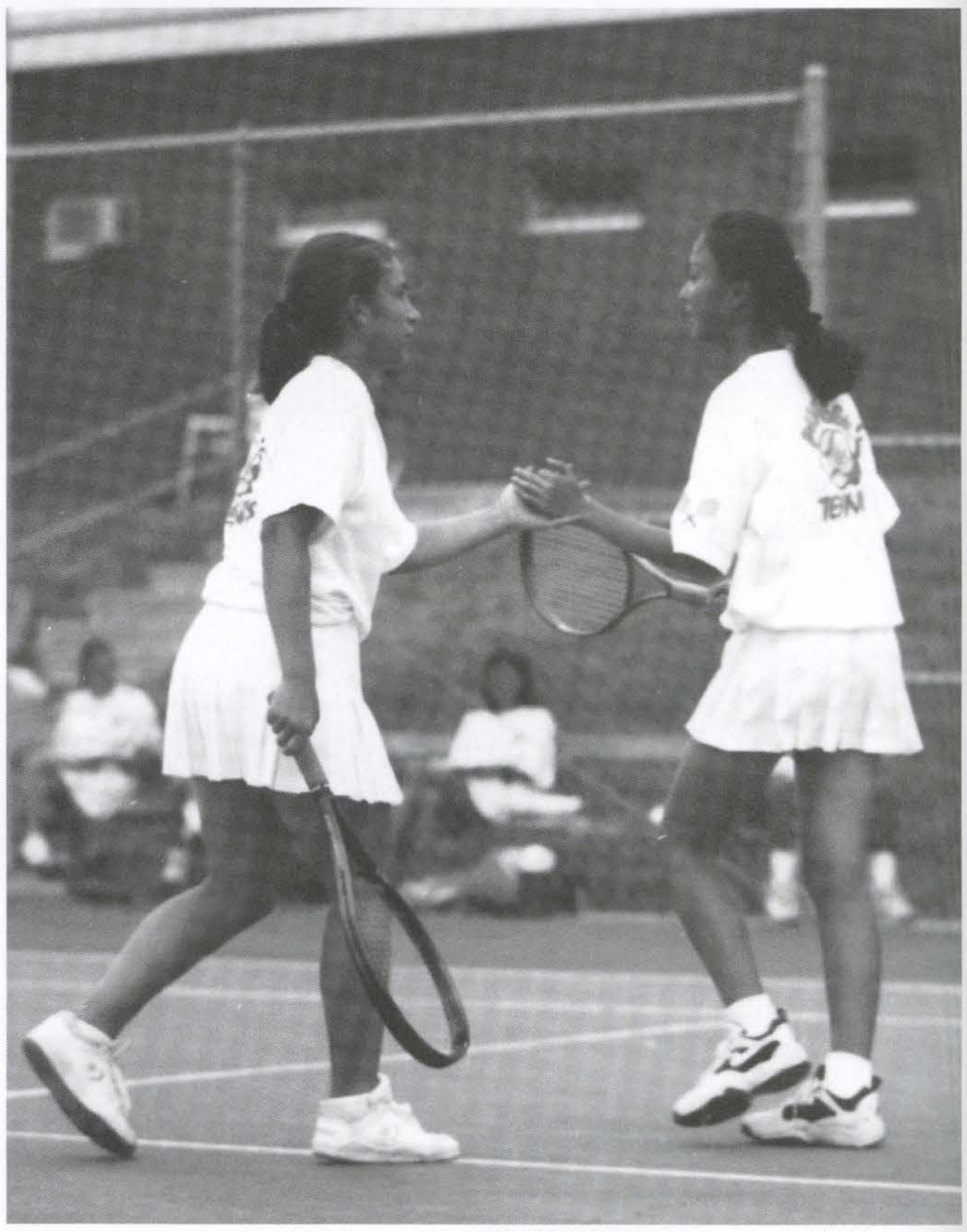
# Girls Tennis Swings into the Future

The 1994-95 girls tennis season ended on a sucessful note by sending a total of five people to the state meet. Leading the way was this year's MVP and co-captain Kim Donsbach, senior. She qualified for state in the singles division. Others qualifying in the doubles division were co-captain Surekha Bhat, senior; Laura Truttman, sophomore; Jenny Mangina, freshman; and Laura Dwyer, junior. These five players teamed with seniors Joni Anderson, Jennifer Yang, Faye Yang, and Hana Kusumoto and junior Judy Yin to lead the girls tennis team to an 8-0 record. "We had a great season this year." said Kim "It made it a lot of fun to have so many qualify for the state tournement."

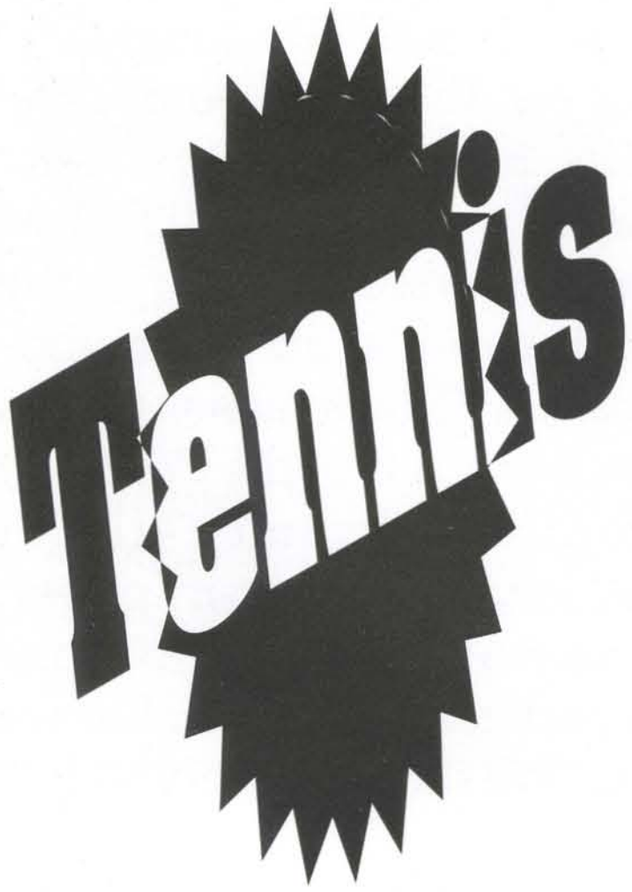
Below: The Varsity team gets a pep talk from coach Matt Reynolds.



Above: Senior Kim Donsbach becomes engrossed by the beauty of the ball.



Right: When seniors Joni Anderson and Faye Yang play together, only compliments are served.



Front Row: Joni Anderson, Sara Temi, Jenny Mangina, Hana Kusumoto, Ambika Bhat, Surekha Bhat, Jessica Hanlon. Second Row: Jennifer Yang, Lindsey O'Neil, Judy Yin, Kim Donsbach, Tina Yang, Faye Yang. Third Row: Coach Pat Ryan, Emily Yee, Beth Skolmoski, Laura Dwyer, Lacey Shirk, Laura Truttman, Alyssa Jennings, Coach Matt Reynolds.

Above: Junior Laura Dwyer and sophomore Laura Truttman watch in anticipation as their opponent's shot floats out of bounds.

## Scoreboard

| Opponent | UH |
|---|---|
| Peoria Notre Dame | W |
| Normal West | W |
| Dunlap | W |
| BHS Puple Invitational | 7th |
| Springfield High | W |
| BHS Gold Invitational | 9th |
| Decatur St. Teresa | W |
| Belleville Tourney | 6th |
| Morton | W |
| BHS Purple/Gold Inv. | 8th |
| Pontiac | W |
| Central Catholic | W |
| Central Catholic/UH Inv. | 1st |

Above: Sophomore Ambika Bhat concentrates on the ball that will soon be used to destroy the opponent.

# Working Towards The Future

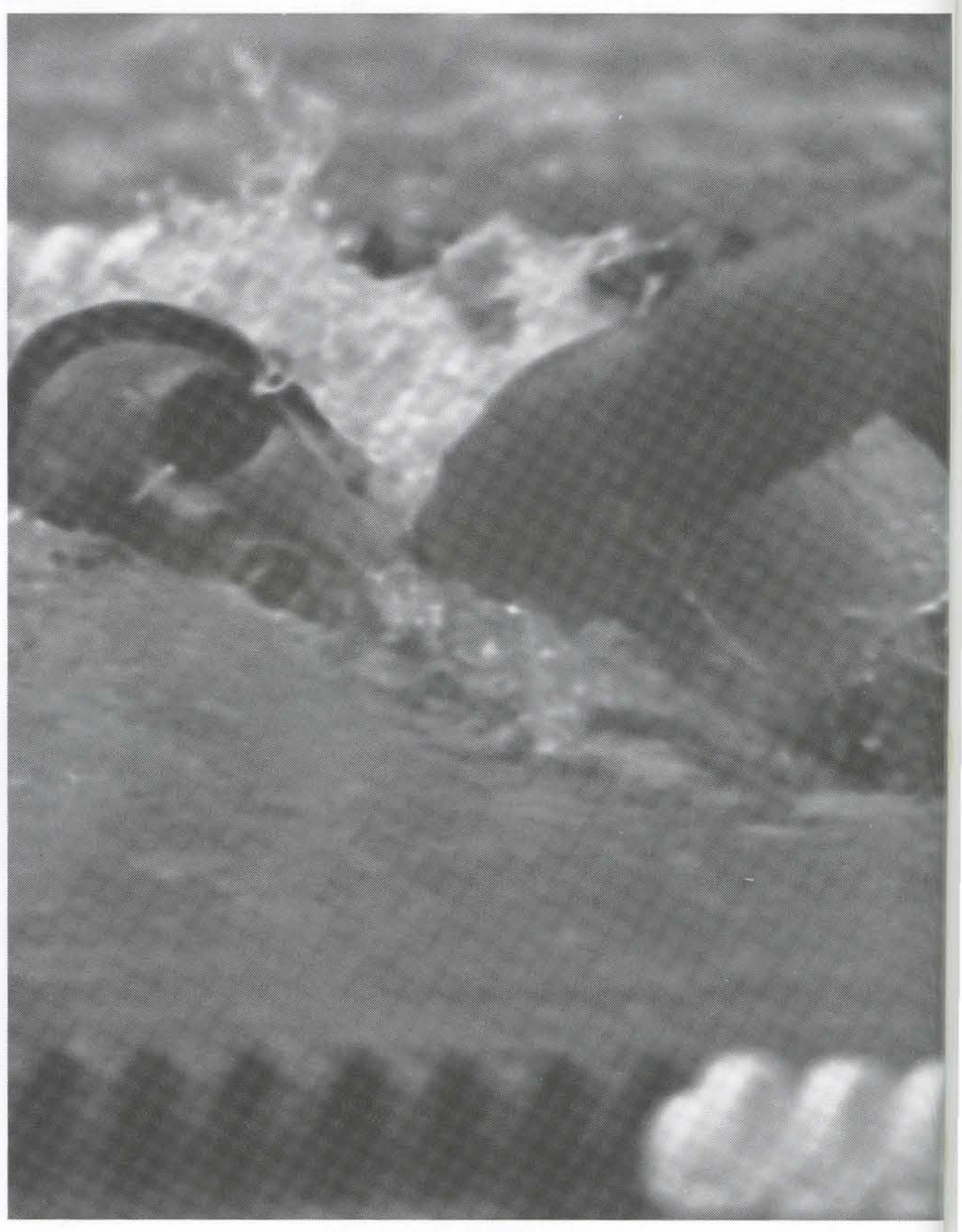
The U-High girls swim team is looking towards the future with the new freshman that joined the team this year. There are many things the girls had to get used to, such as the new head coach Michelle Hoffman. "The girls are great and they work really hard. They give 110% every time they swim!" said Hoffman. "Although this is my first year with the girls, they are great. I couldn't ask anything else from them." The girls hold the '95 Intercity title after defeating long time city rivals BHS, NCHS, and NCWHS. "Michelle is one of the best swim coaches I ever had. She was very motivational and I really liked her a lot," said sophomore Molly Vetter. "It's not about *reaching* our goal. It is about rising above it," said sophomore Kelli Pydynowski.

The diving team this year consisted of sophomore Bridget Nord and freshman Emily Koglin. "The girls diving team has improved greatly from last year. They have harder dives and are challenged themselves more," said second year diving coach Michelle McLain.

Below: "Our accomplishments are because of our team spirit, and that just makes the team stronger," said first year head coach Michelle Hoffman. The girls obviously have a lot of team spirit and it got them psyched up before a great victory over intercity rivals, BHS.

Above: Junior Molly Hodel checks with her coach, Michelle Hoffman before her next relay.

Right: Senior tri-captain Jessica Vetter helps her team get a victory over town rival NCHS at Intercity.



GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

First Row: Abby Scheirer, Emily Koglin, Kelli Pydynowski, Tiffany Thetard. Second Row: Swimming Coach Michelle Hoffman, Catti Curry, Karla Moshier, Monica Hesse, Bridget Nord, Molly Hodel, Diving Coach Michelle McLain. Third Row: Emily Greenspan, Jessica Vetter, Erin Nelson, Megan Yontz, Nancy Williams, Molly Vetter, Adrianne Fuller, Assistant Coach Aaron Buss.

## Letter Winners

Tri-Captains
Jessica Vetter
Nancy Williams
Adrianne Fuller

Members
Emily Koglin
Abby Scheirer
Kelli Pydynowski
Tiffany Thetard
Catti Curry
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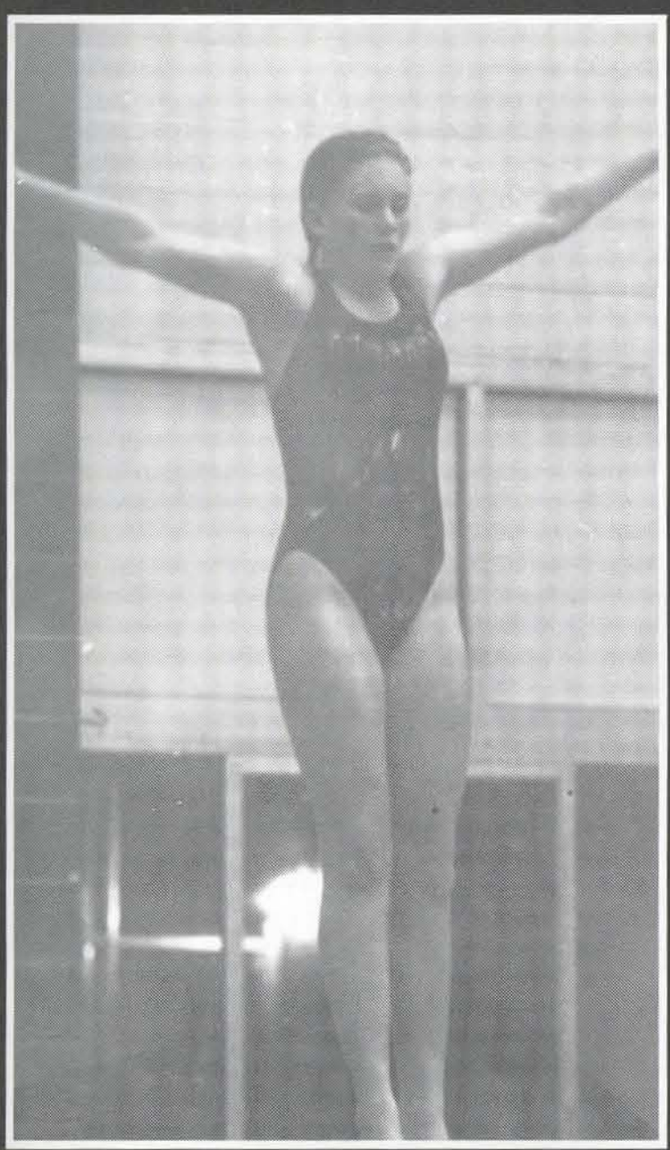
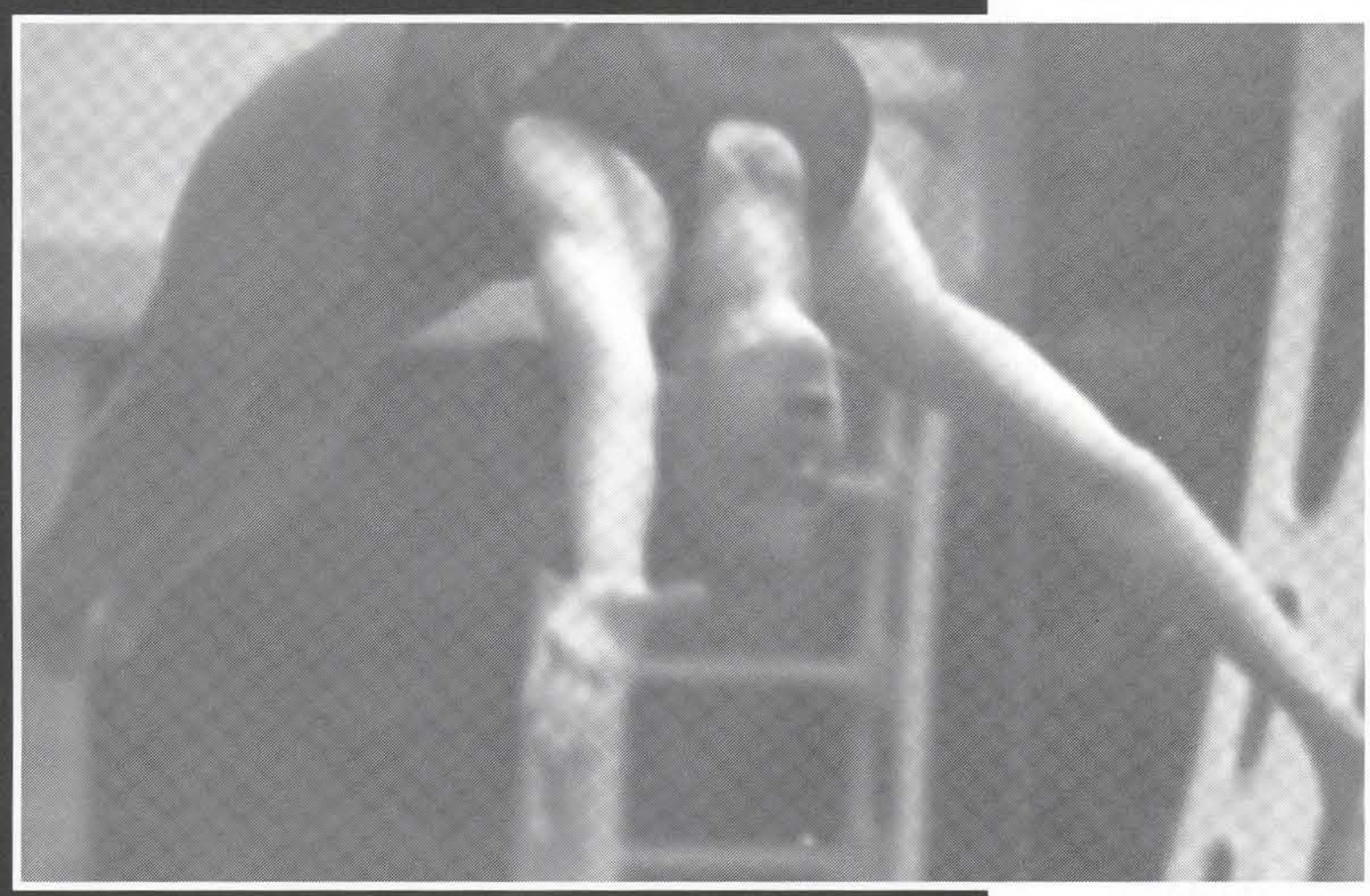


Above: Sophmore Bridget Nord prepares her dive. " The coach helped me learn dives and improve on the ones that I already knew."

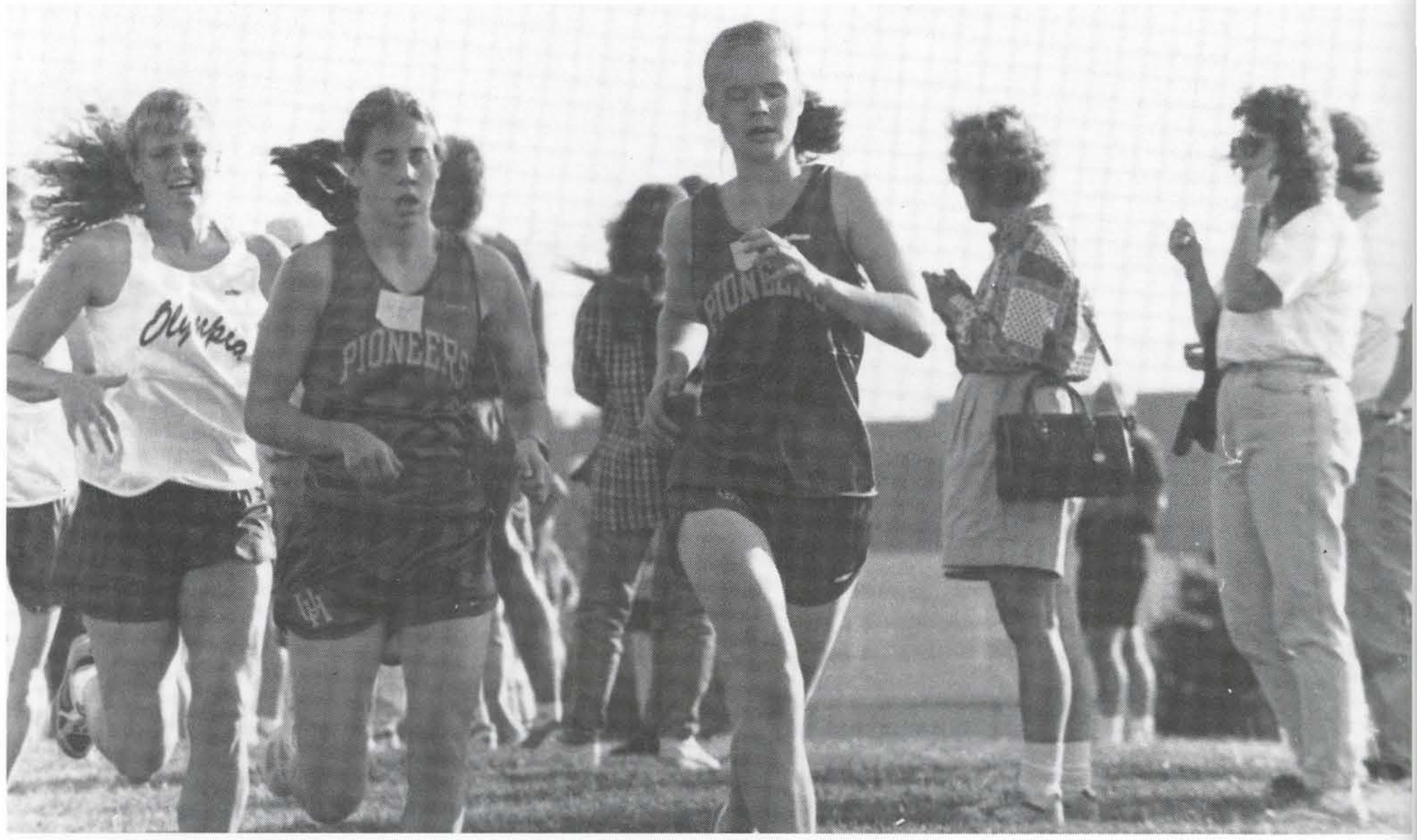


Above: Freshmen Emily Koglin gracefully arches into the pool. "The diving coach was great this year. Although it was my first year, she really helped and it was a lot of fun."

# Present is Sweet for Lady Runners

This year was a momentous one for the girls cross country team. The team had a strong group of front-running seniors with high expectations. The team started the year being ranked number one in Illinois. They moved in and out of the top ranked spot as the season progressed. The team captains were seniors Julie Yeagle and Rachel Wells. High points in the season were placing first at Intercity, the Mahamet-Seymour Invitational and Sectionals. Members of the state team included seniors Chela Kapanga, Julie Yeagle, Rachel Wells, Stephanie Te, Angela Crowley with juniors Shelly Oliver and Amber Cortese. After placing first at Sectionals, the girls were the number one ranked team in the state. At the state meet, the girls fell short of expectations and placed 6th. "I really don't know what happened, we just didn't run well," said Wells. All of the girls were disappointed in how the team ran at State. Especially saddened were the five seniors on the State team who had run their last race.

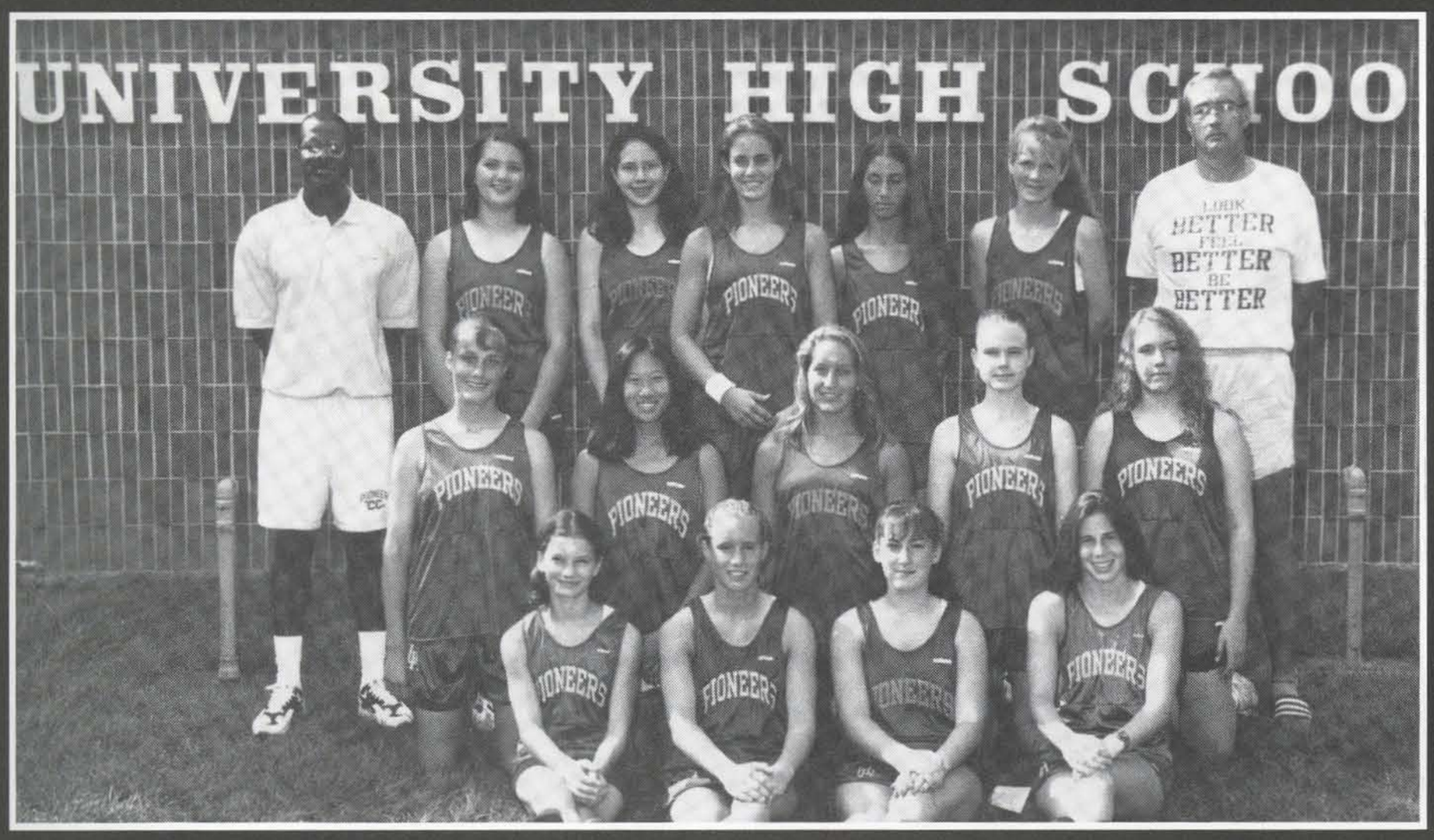
Below: Seniors Julie Yeagle and Angela Crowley easily pass the struggling so-called competition from Olympia at the Cornbelt Conference meet.



Above: Amidst a group of observers, junior Shelly Oliver gets ahead of a pack of runners at the Cornbelt Conference meet.

Left: Freshman Amy Varda and seniors Jayna Jones, Lynn Cyrus, Julie Yeagle, Anne Arnold, Stephine Te, and Sarah Stuckey grin after recieving the conference championship plaque.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
First Row: Eliza McCaw, Sarah Stuckey, Jill Donovan, Julie Yeagle. Second Row: Shelly Oliver, Stephanie Te, Jayna Jones, Angela Crowley, Rachel Herran. Third Row: Coach Lester Hampton, Amy Varda, Rachel Wells, Anne Arnold, Amber Cortese, Nicole Swanson, Coach Jerry Parsons.



Above: Junior Amber Cortese and senior Rachel Wells watch their teammates finish at the U-High invitational. The girls defeated thier opponents to place first in the meet. "It was a really easy meet, the other teams were not that good," said Wells.

## Scoreboard

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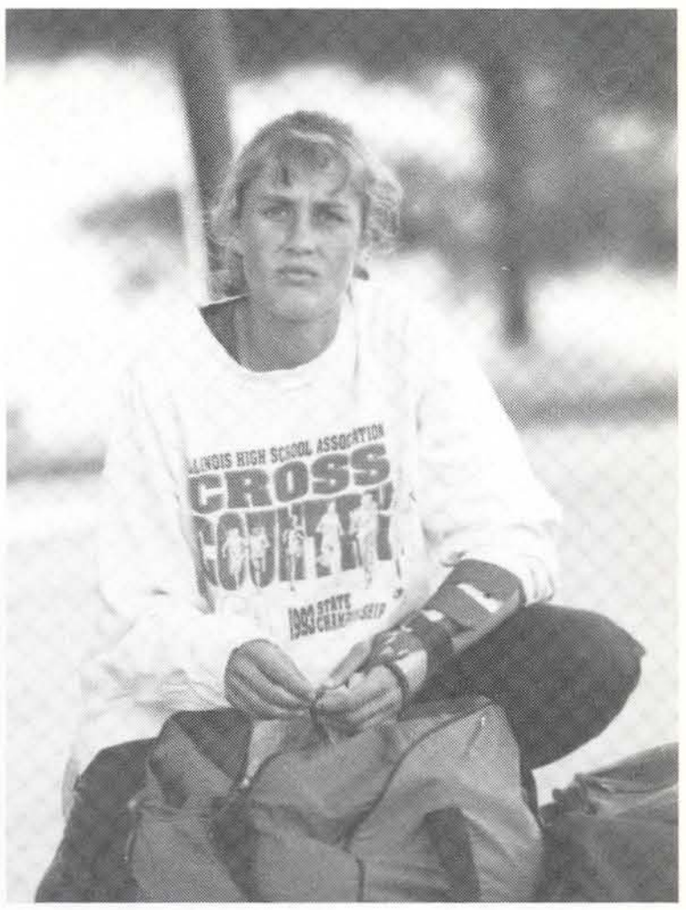
|---|---|
| Tremont/Delevan | W |
| Woodruff Invite | 3rd |
| Notre Dame Invite 11th | |
| M-S/PC/Oly | W |
| Intercity | W |
| Springfield Invite | 3rd |
| U-High Invite | 1st |
| M-S Invite | 1st |
| Conference | W |
| Regional | W |
| Sectional | W |
| State | 6th |

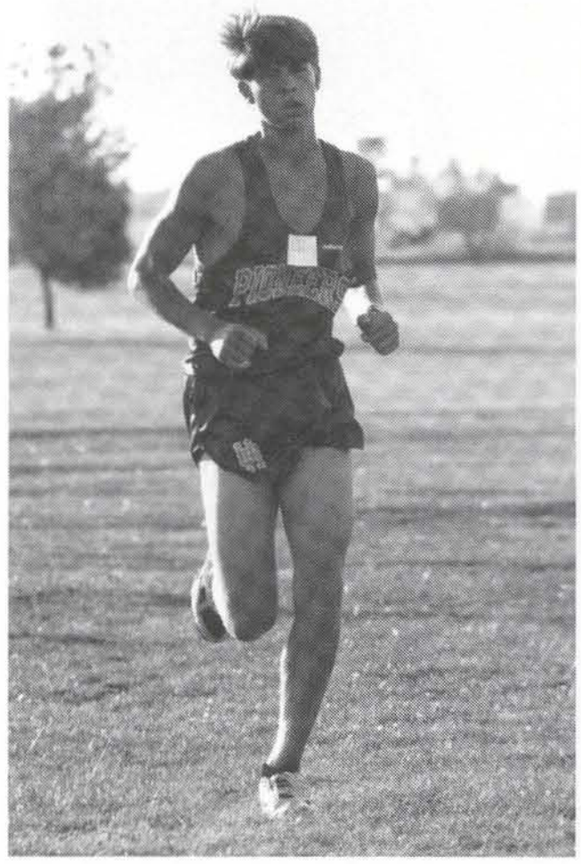



Above: Junior Shelly Oliver rests after a tough race at Maxwell park. The girls were undefeated at Maxwell this year.

# Start to Finish: Runners Dominate

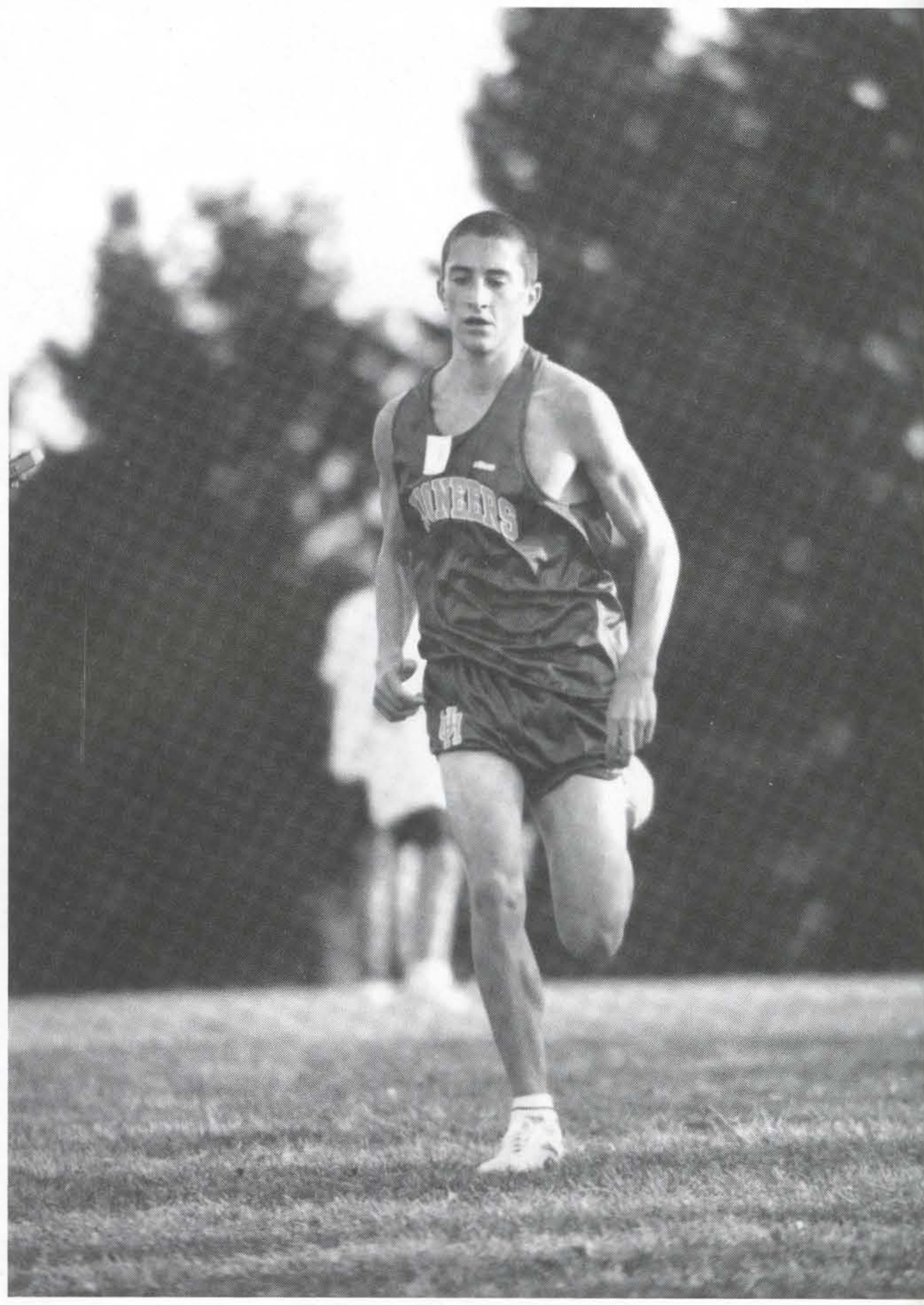
Boys Cross Country spent another year being one of Illinois' best teams. "Our goals are always the same: to have fun and to achieve personal goals," said Coach Hampton. The team got off to a good start to the season by winning the Woodruff Invitational. Later in the season the boys won the competitive Mahomet-Seymour Invitational. At the end of the season the team won the conference, regional, and sectional meets. The team did exceptionally well by placing second at the state meet. Members of the state team included Junior Rinsola Adelekan, seniors John Lutkehaus, J.J. Simpson, Nick Barrows, and Mike Perillo, sophmores Jeff Yeagle and Brandon Fifer. Two members made all-state, they were Lutkehaus and Adelekan. Lutkehaus placed second at the state meet after leading the field of 250 runners at different points in the race.

Below: Seniors John Lutkehaus, Mike Perillo, and J.J. Simpson, and sophmores Jeff Yeagle and Brandon Fifer pose with the trophy they earned. The team put in countless training hours over the summer to be one of Illinois' best teams.

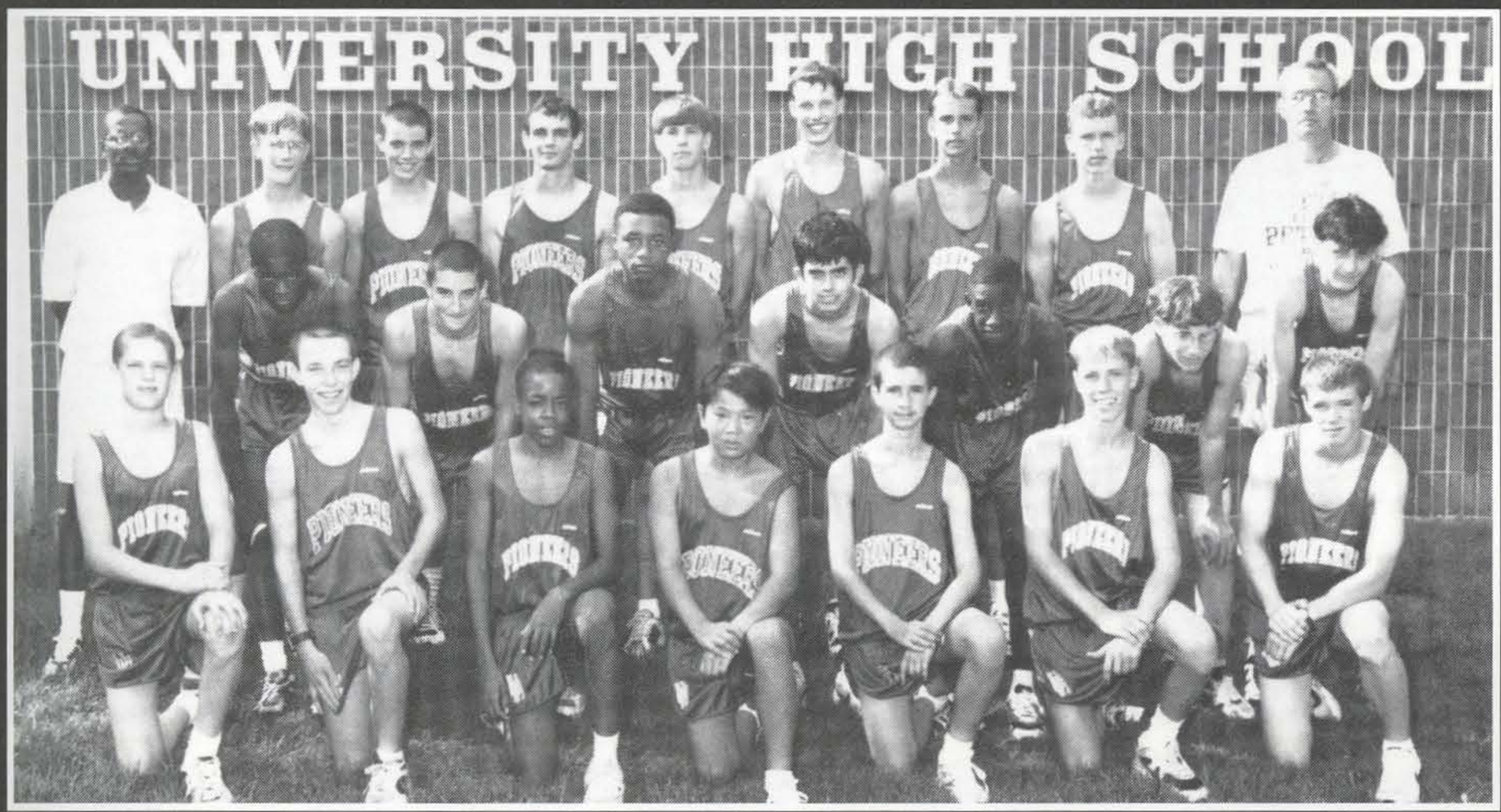


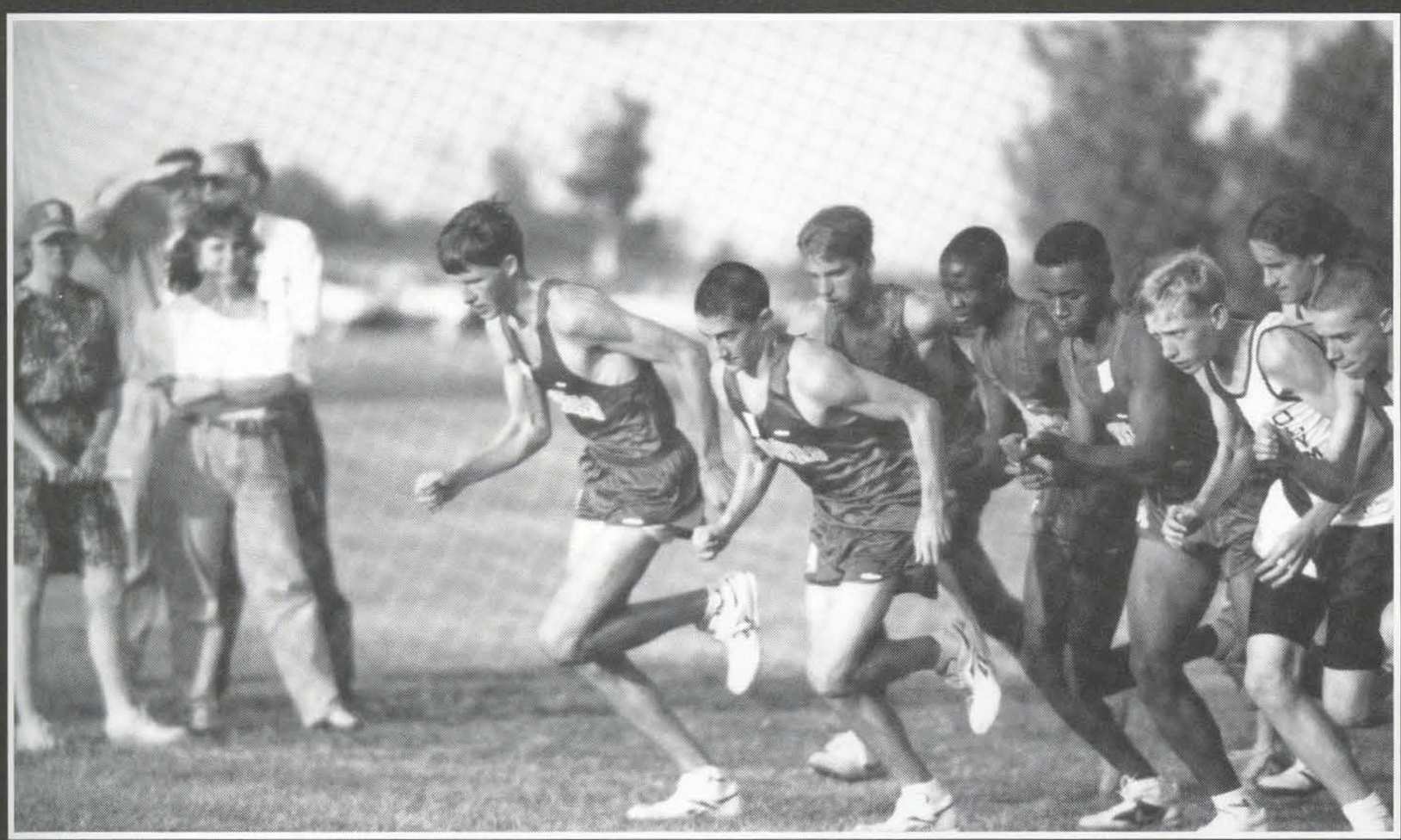
Above: Senior Ray Podesta pulls away from a pack of runners at the Cornbelt Conference meet.

Right: John Lutkehaus dominates the field of runners at the U-High invitational. Seeing John in the lead was a common sight this year.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
First Row: B.J. Roberts, Vince Barrows, Yemmi Adelekan, Joe Cox, Mark Campbell, Gabe Hamer, John Stuckey. Second Row: Rinsola Adelekan, John Lutkehaus, J.J. Simpson, Travis Kearney, Ricky Hildreth, Jeff Yeagle, Andrew Schroeer. Third Row: Coach Lester Hampton, Justin Filipiak, Zach Blick, Michael Toepke, Ray Podesta, Nick Barrows, Brandon Fifer, Nate Bair, Coach Jerry Parsons.



Above: Onlookers watch as seniors Nick Barrows, John Lutkehaus, J.J. Simpson, Mike Perillo and junior Rinsola Adelekan take off from the line at the Cornbelt Conference meet. The boys beat Olympia, Mahamet-Seymour, Pontiac, and Prairie Central to take the Conference title.

## Scoreboard

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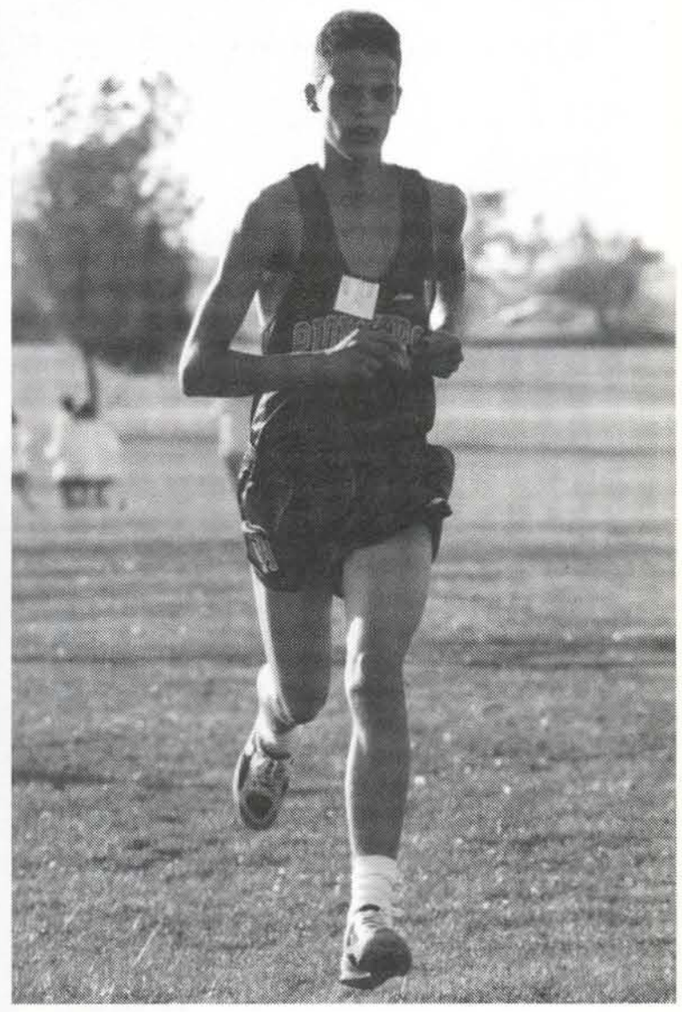
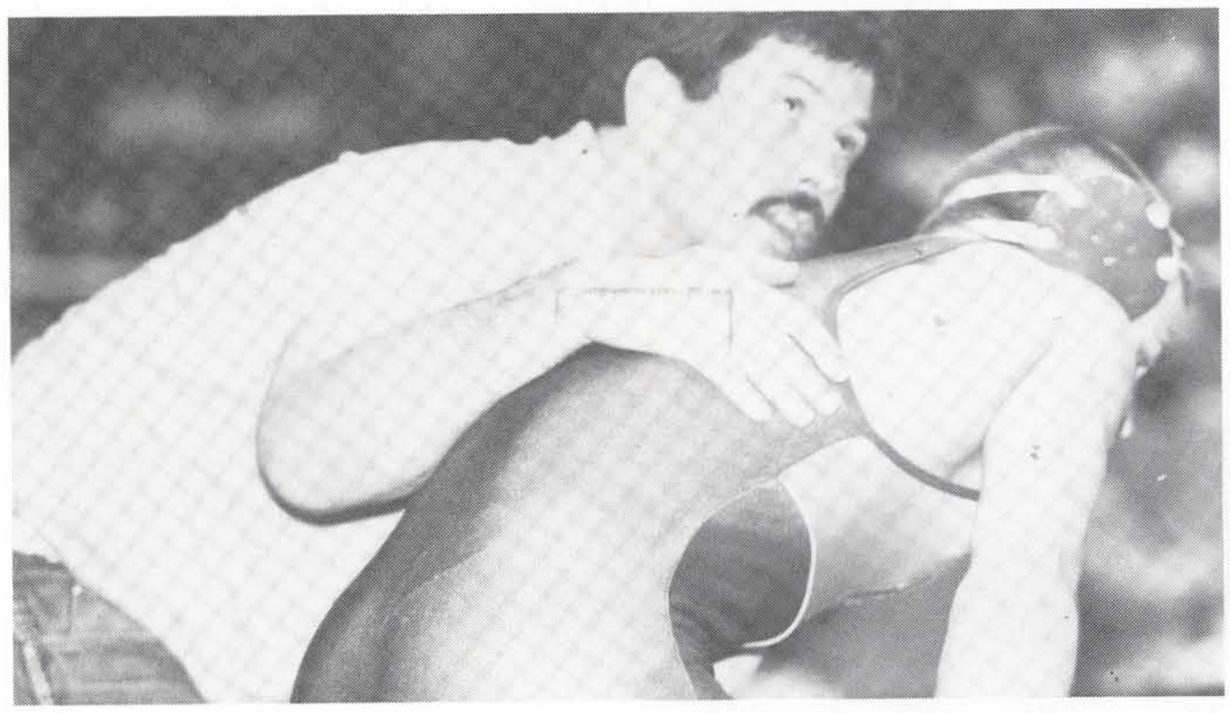
|---|---|
| Tremont/Delevan | W |
| Woodruff Invite | 1st |
| Notre Dame Invite | 11th |
| MS/OLY/PC | L |
| Intercity | L |
| Springfield Invite | 5th |
| U-High Invite | 1st |
| M-S Invite | 1st |
| Conference | W |
| Regional | W |
| Sectional | W |
| State | 2nd |

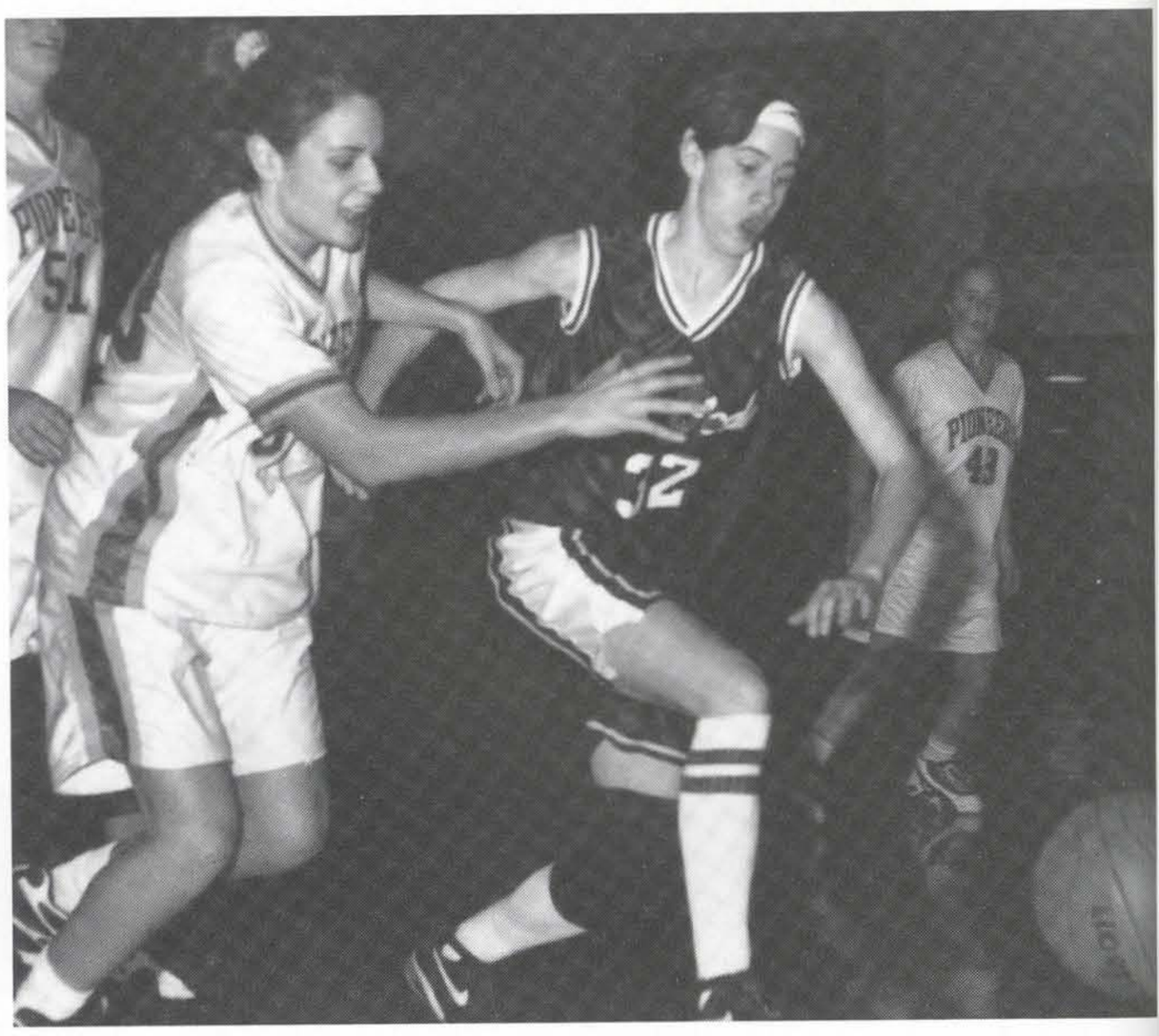


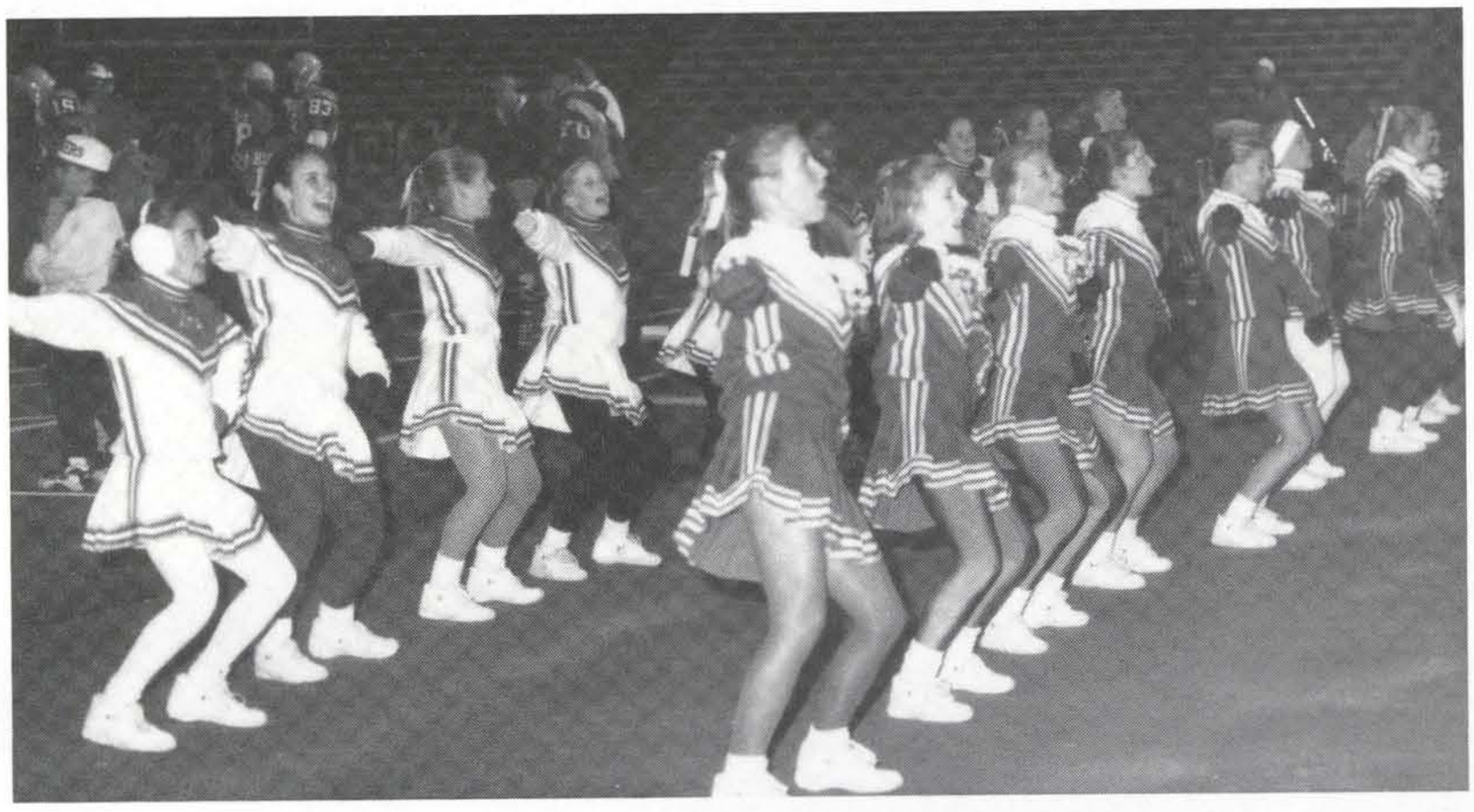
Above: Freshman Zach Blick concentrates on running his best at the U-High Invite.

Below: Coach Ed Smith Provides instruction to junior Tony Niebur. Niebur went on to win the State Championship in the 145 weight class.

Right: Junior Lindsey Hunt attempts to steal the ball during a game against St. Bede. The Lady Pioneers went on to beat St. Bede.

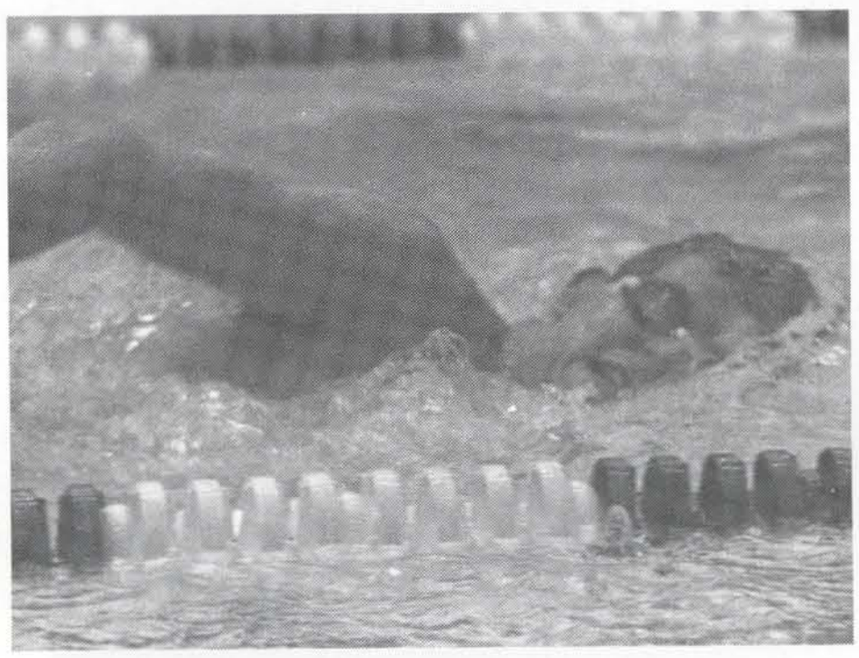




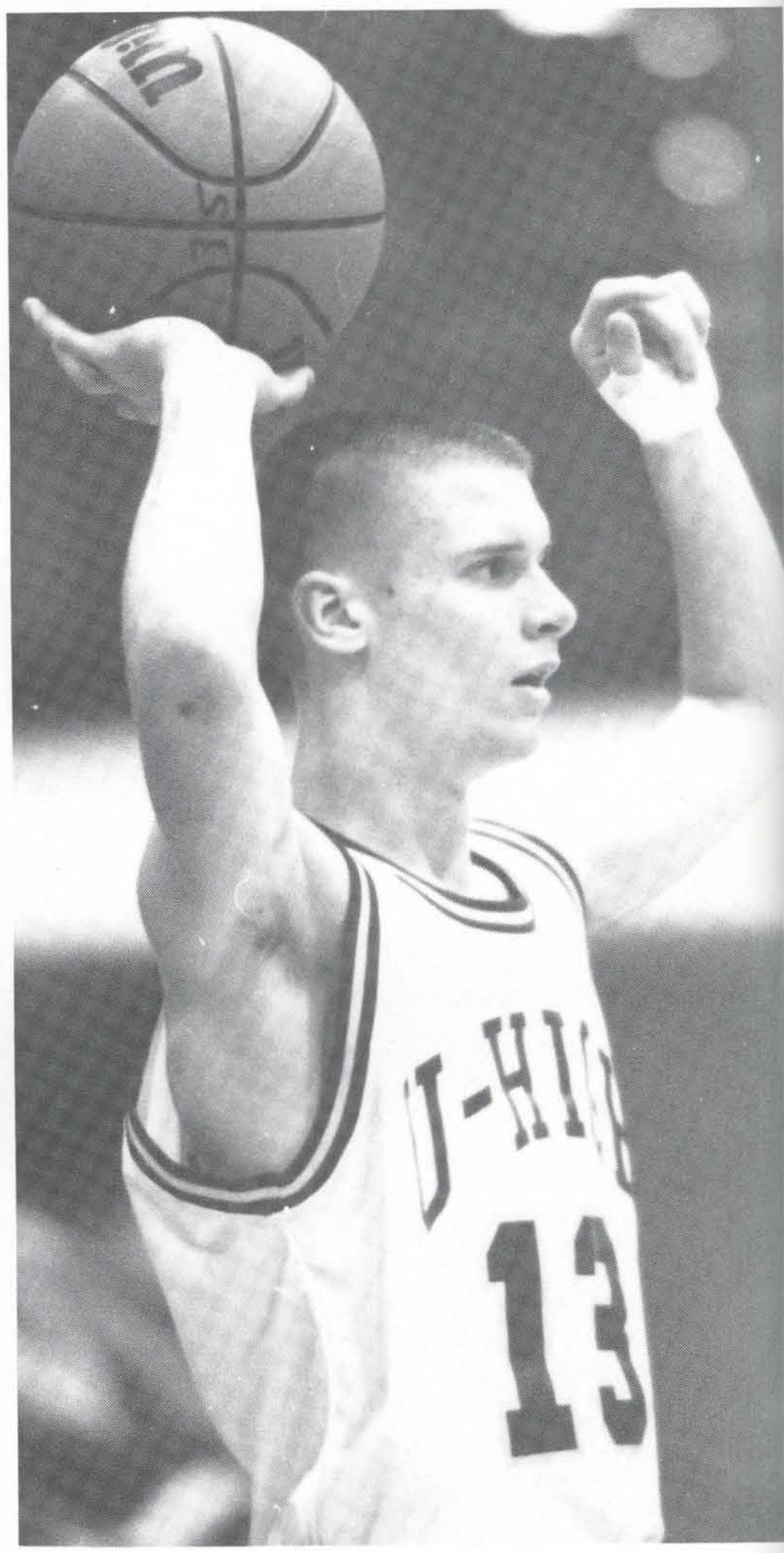


Above: The cheerleaders perform for an enthusiastic crown on a chilly autum evening. The cheerleaders always managed to get the the crowd pumped up for a U-High victory.

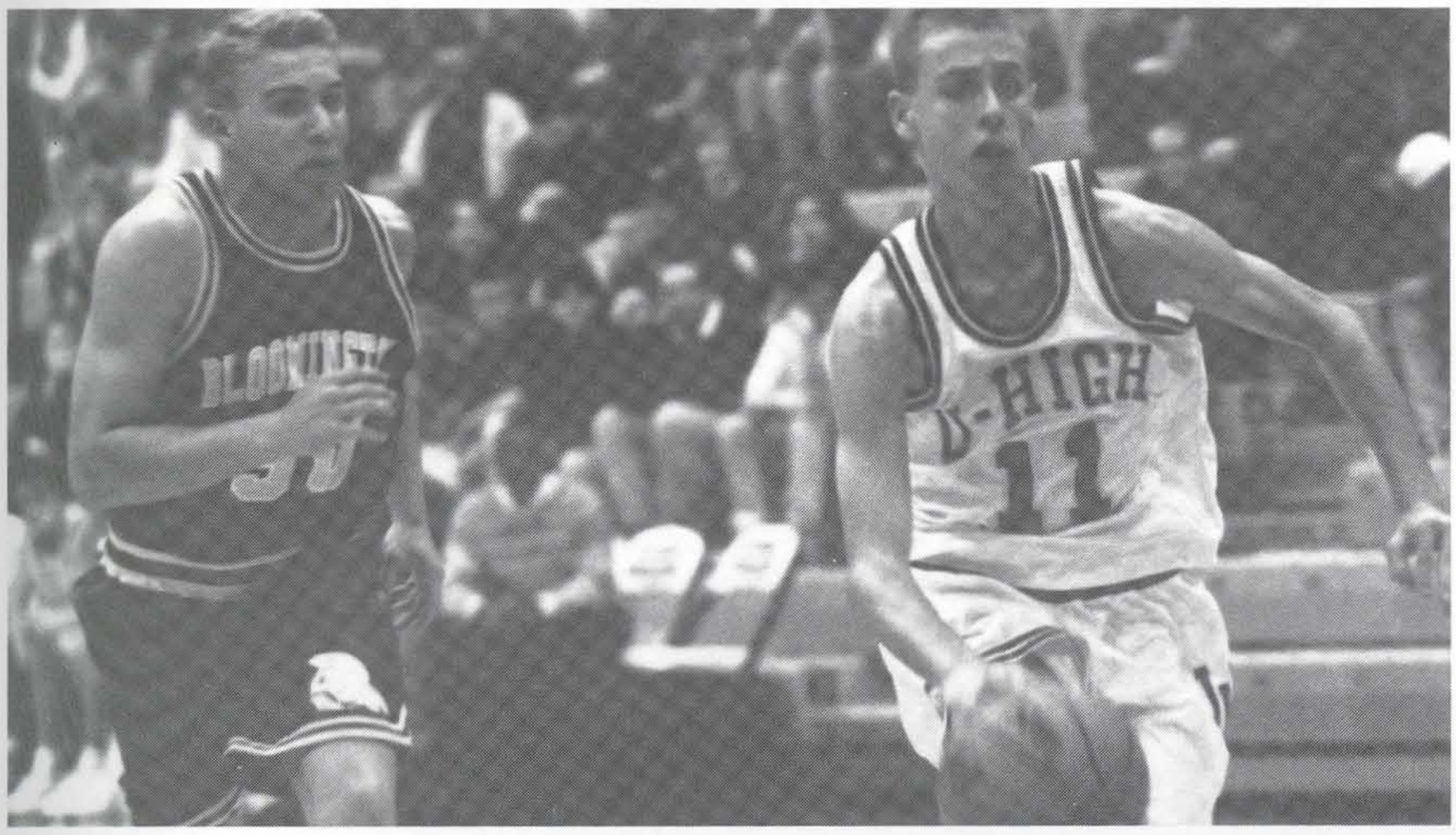
Right: Senior Brian Moshier cuts through the water on his way to another victory in the 200 Individual Medley. Moshier went on to qualify for state in the 200 IM, 400 freestyle relay and the 500 freestyle



Right: Senior Kurt Olson keeps the ball out of reach of defenders as he directs the team to a U-High victory.

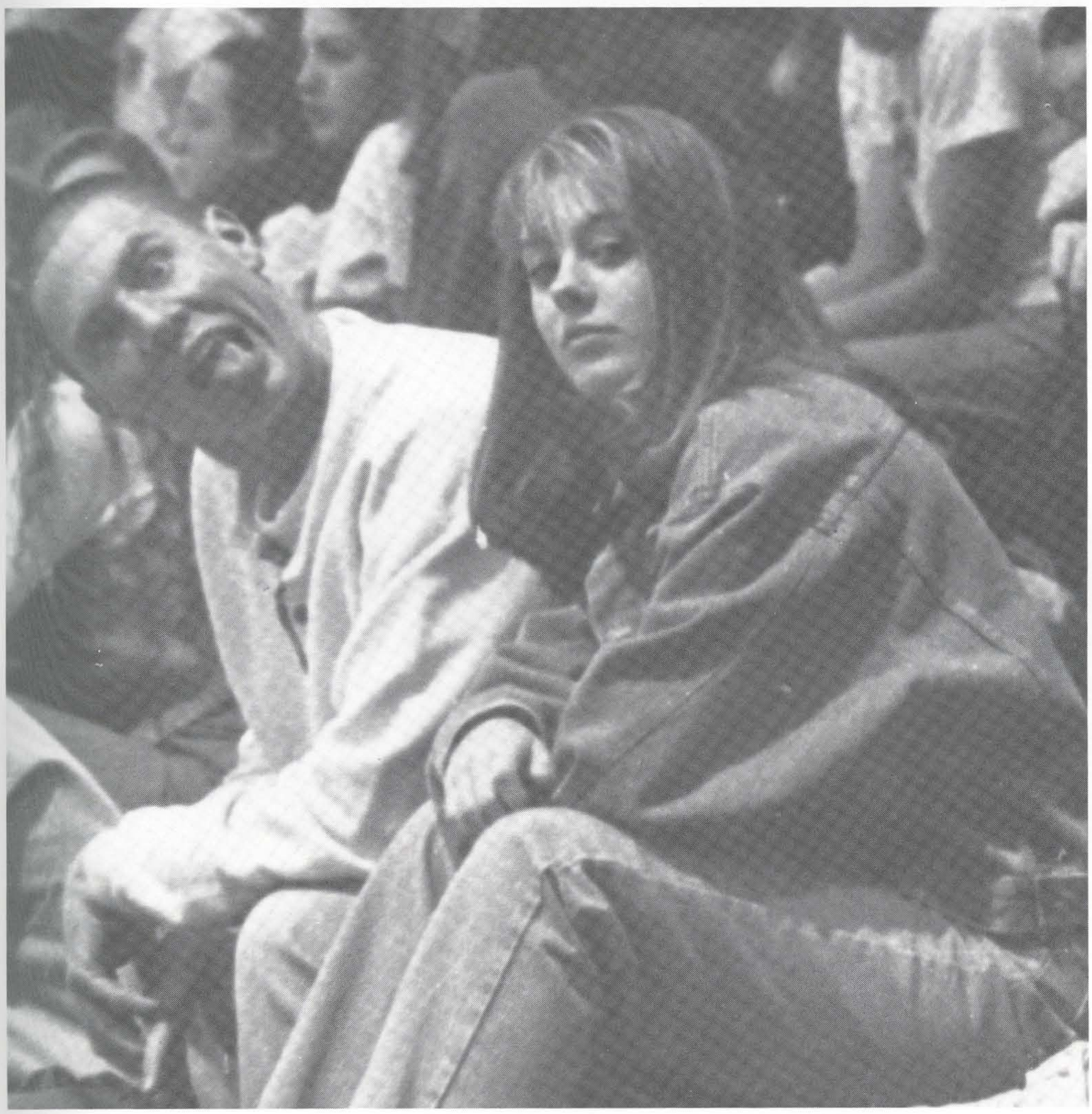


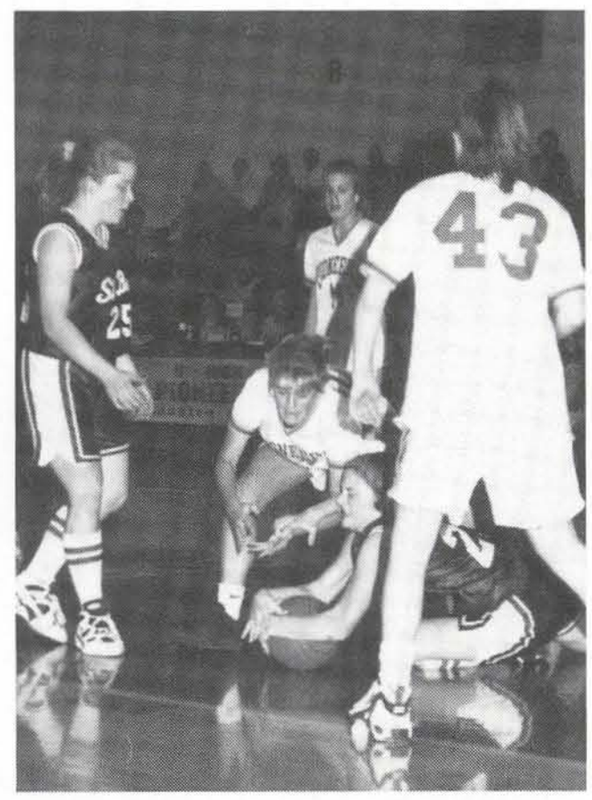
# Winter Teams Work Toward the Future




The winter was filled with hearts of gold and determination. The teams played as if there was no tomorrow, treasuring their wins and remembering their losses. All of the teams ended the season with their heads held high and their eyes focused on the future.

Left: Junior Jeremy Stanton defies yet another opponent with his speed and agility. Stanton, who was named to the Chicago Sun Times All-State team, led the Pioneers in scoring and assists.






Above: Senior Christine O'Connor dives for the ball, creating a struggle toward an eventual winner. The Pioneers, as always, came out on top.

Left: Senior Wes Hunt demonstrated why he was one of the more entertaining fans that attended U-High sporting events. Sophomore Caroline Skaggs was not amused by Wes' display of irregular personality.

# Success Starts With Heart

With a 5-15-1 final record, this year's wrestling season might appear to be a disappointment, but the wrestlers know better. "I am actually quite proud of our season considering our circumstances," said junior Tony Niebur. These circumstances included a big lack of wrestlers and a new coach.

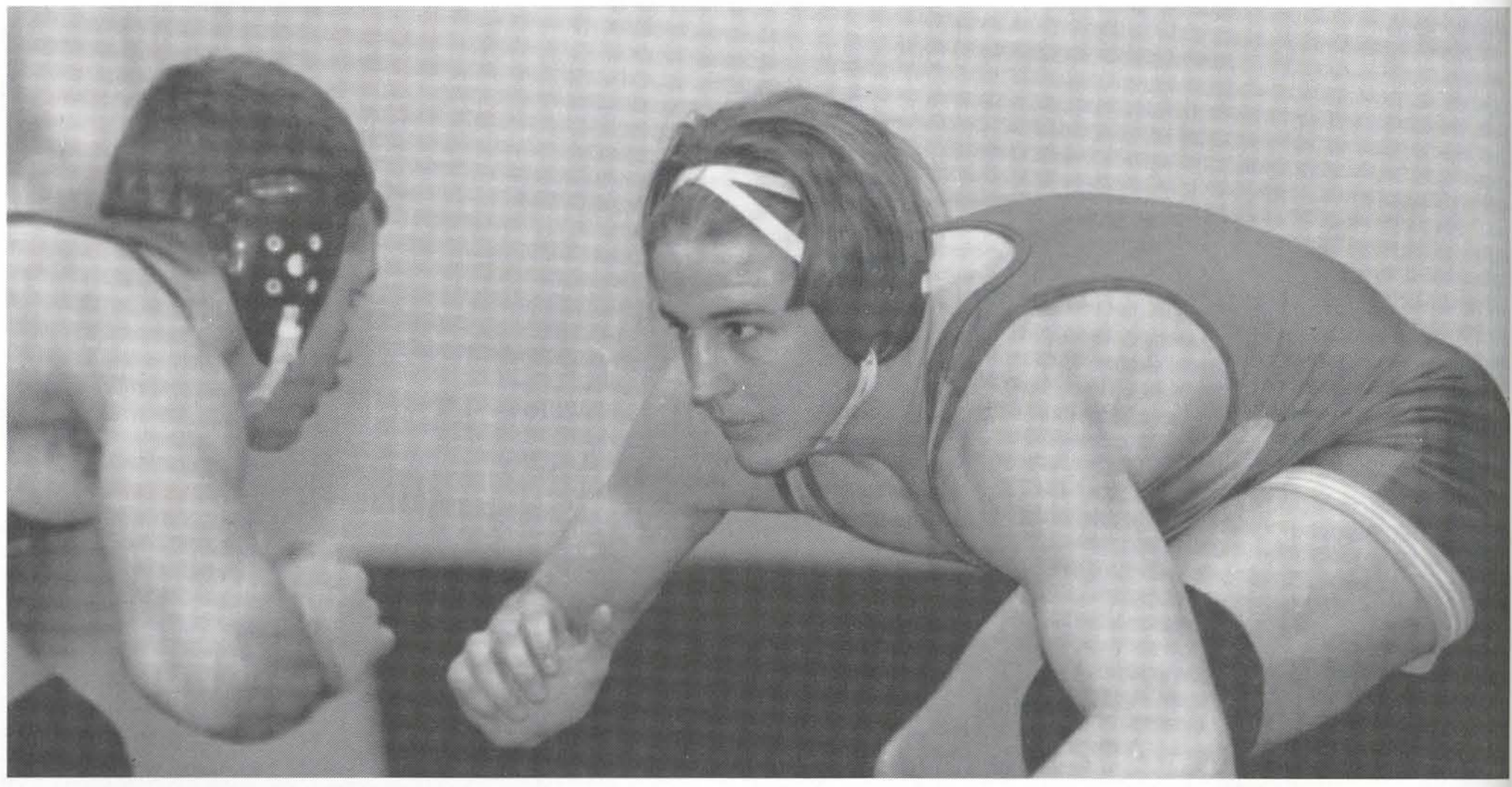
As a team, the season was highlighted by a fifth place showing in the Clinton Tournament and sixth place in the Prairie Central Tournament.

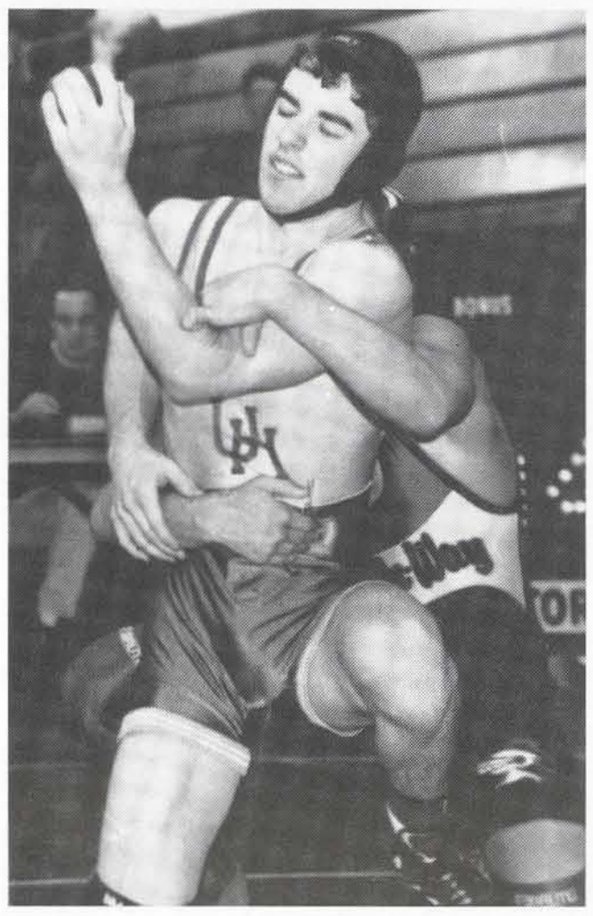
From an individual standpoint the season was very successful. sophomore John Donovan, freshman Justin Smith, Tony Niebur, and sophomore Tony Nelson all reached the 20 Win Club. Niebur and Nelson all amassed the 30 win margin for the season.

However, the season was capped by two individual State qualification. While Nelson did not place, he made a strong showing and was happy with his 35-9 season. "I'll be back at least two more times," said Nelson.

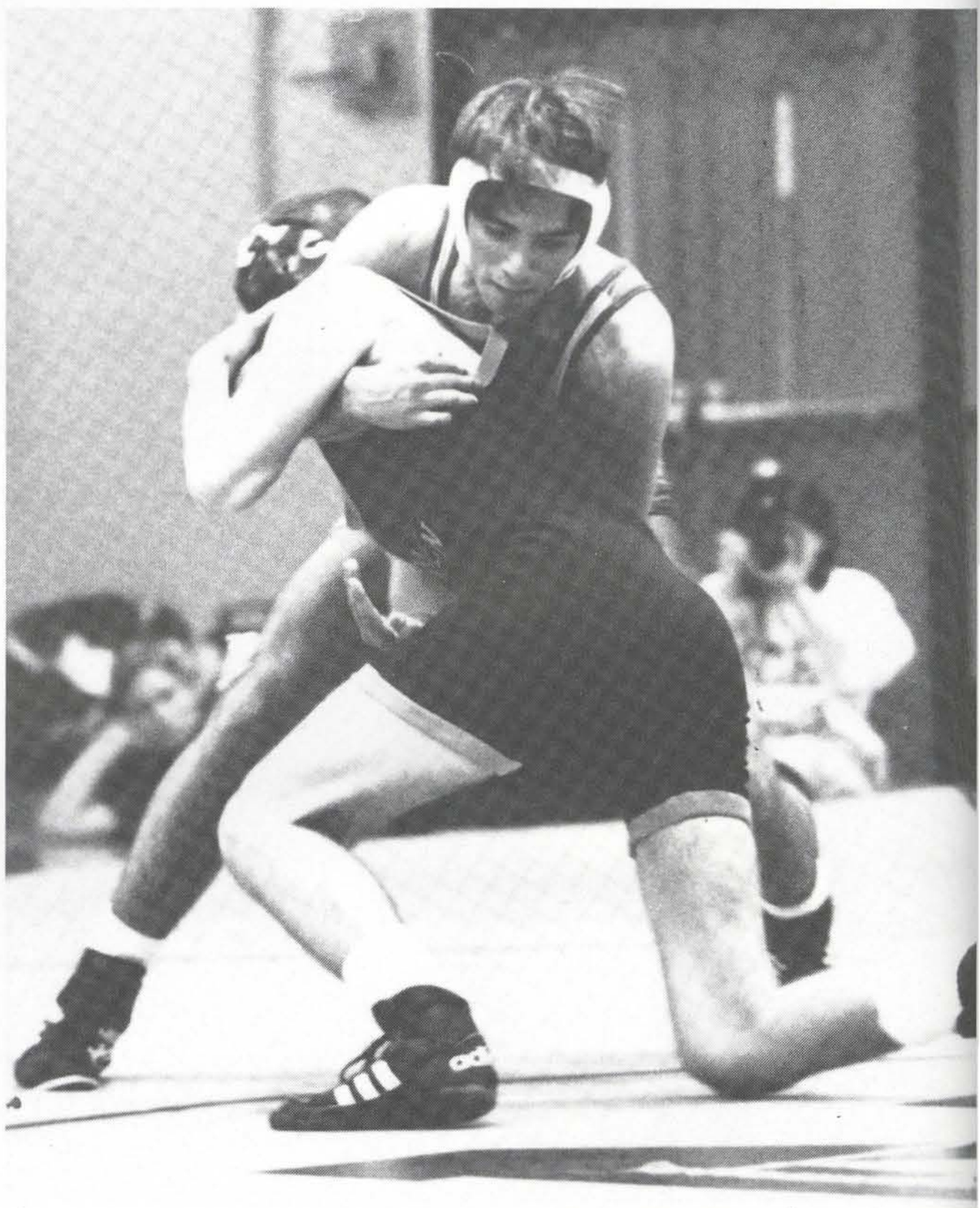
Niebur, U-High's M.V.P., made the biggest splash at the State tournament winning the 145-pound Class A championship becoming U-High's eleventh winner.

Below:As in much of Tony Niebur's wrestling style, he patiently decides his next move against his opponent. "My style is a little more conservative than most but when I attack, I attack," said Niebur. "Wrestling is not just about brute force but rather intelligent strategies like in a chess match."



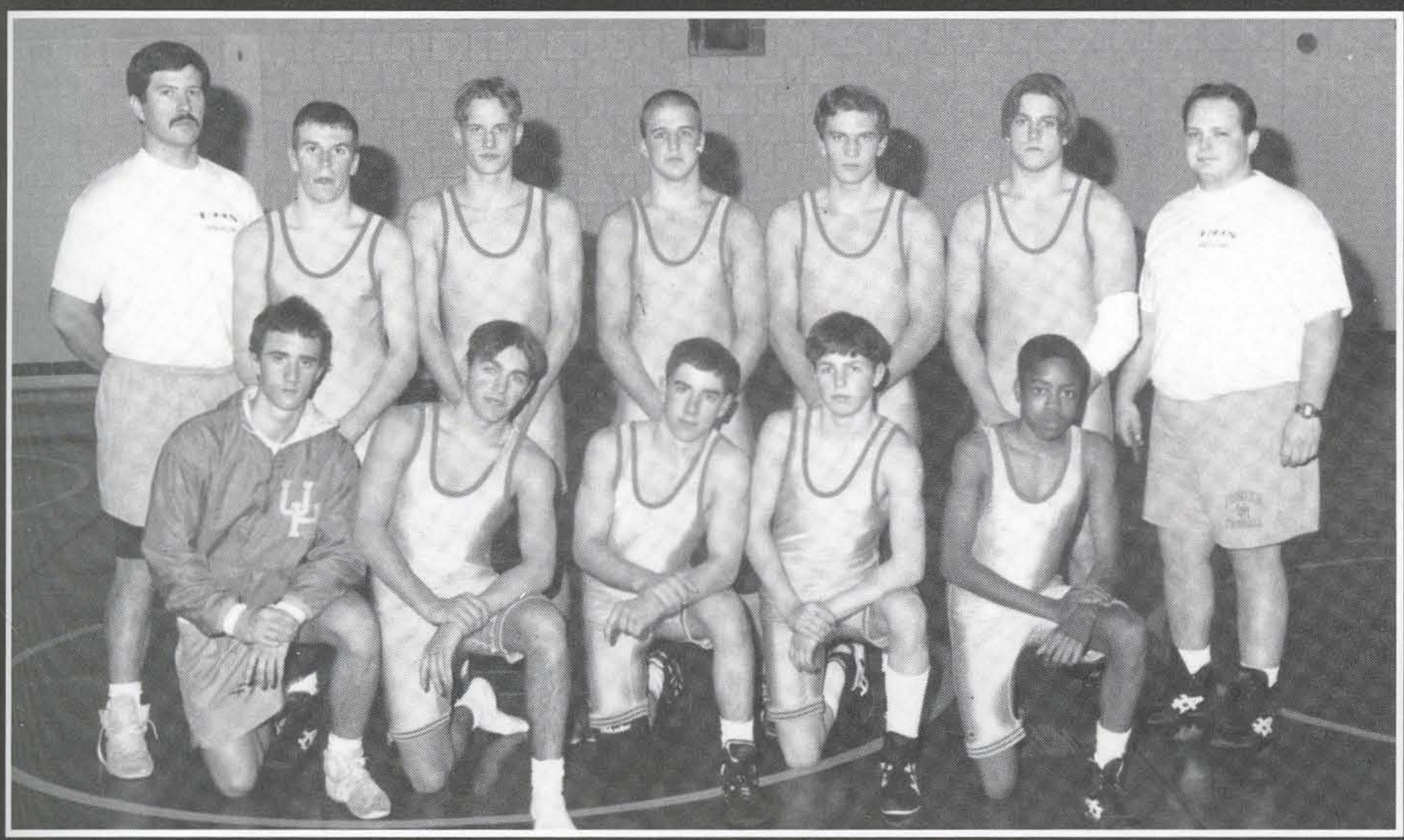


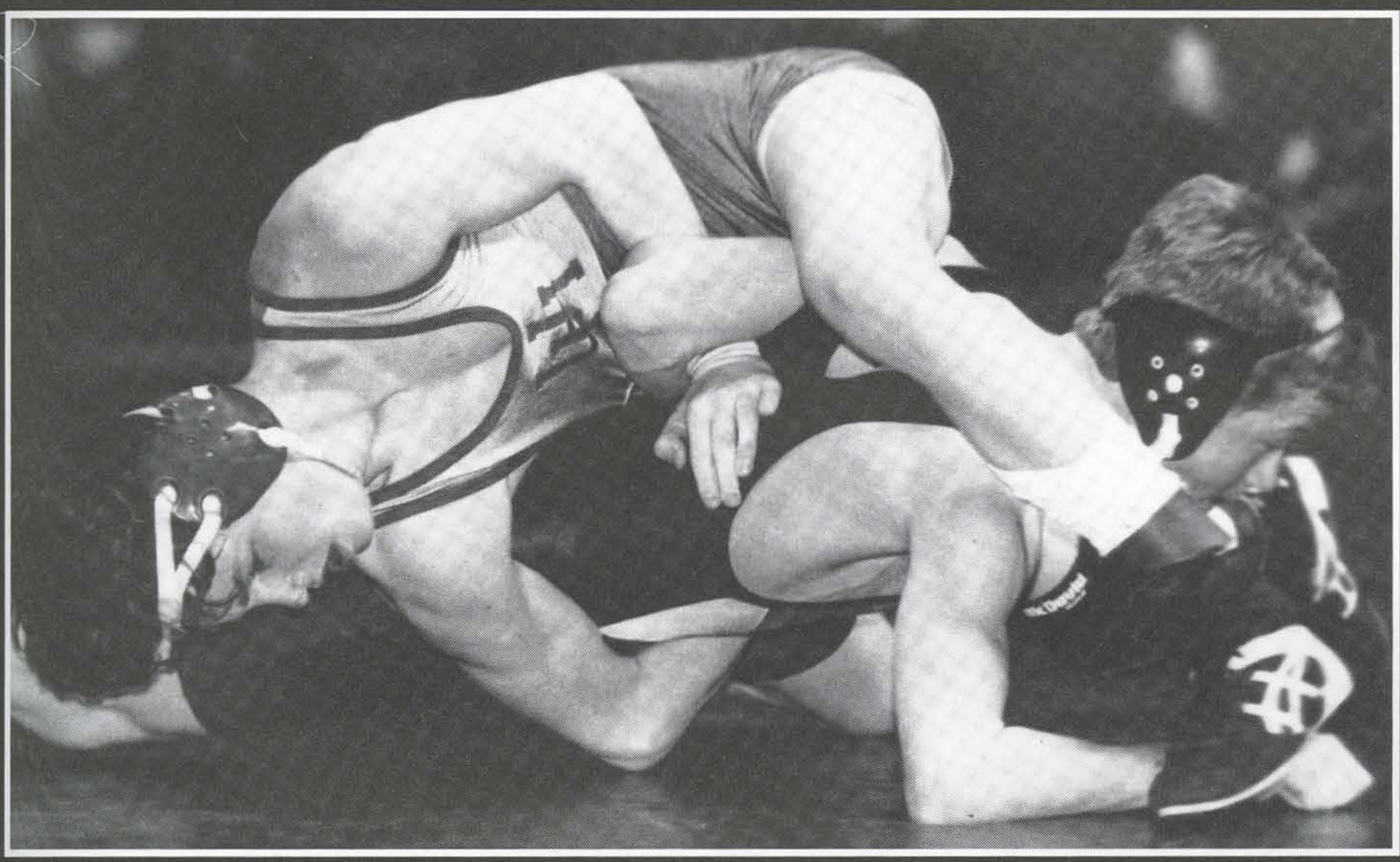
Above: John Donovan attempts to escape from a tough grasp by his opponent. Donovan was one of five underclassmen to actively contribute to the varsity squad.

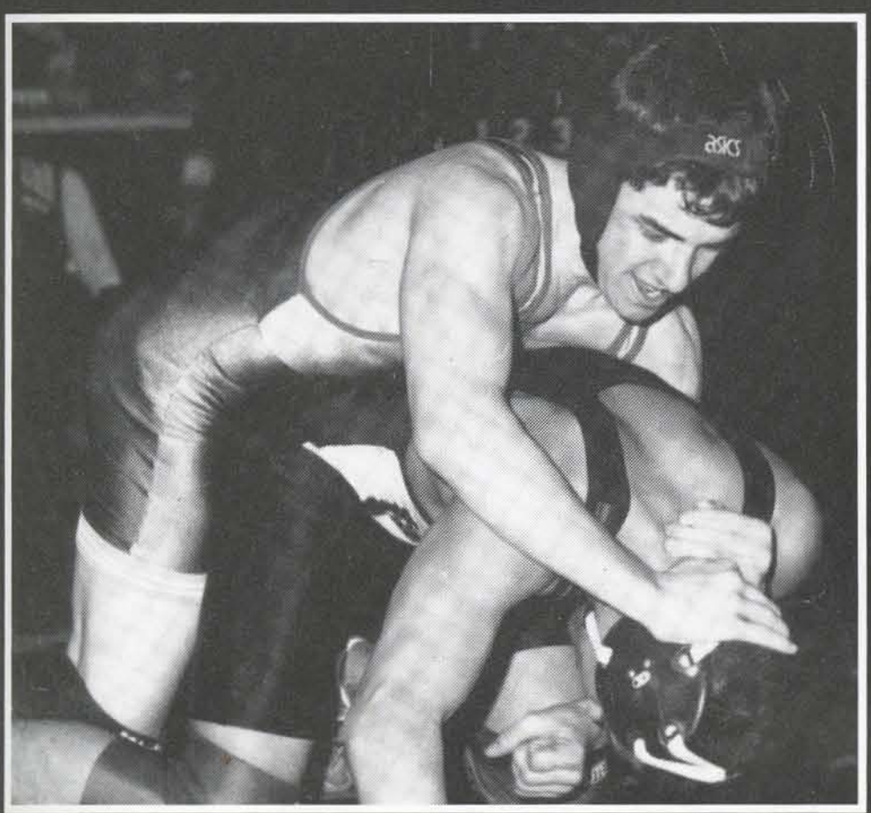


Right: Mike Nelson holds his position in a tight match. Nelson was one of several returning wrestlers to add some much needed leadership to the young team.

VARSITY
First Row: Aaron Leech, Mike Nelson, John Donovan, Tony Nelson, Yemi Adelekan
Second Row: Coach Mr. Ed Smith, Nick Smith, Justin Smith, Tony Niebur, Phil Beccue, Brian Moody, Assistant Coach James Helm.
Not Pictured: Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Eric Diaz, Matt Ritter







Above: Tony Nelson applies a pretzel move to escape a tough hold. Nelson broke a school record by achieving an astounding 42 reversals in one season. Nelson, a sophomore, finshed the season with an impressive 35-9 and made a strong appearence at the State level.

Left: John Donovan dominates his opponent. Donovan because of his strong development over two seasons received the Most Improved Wrestler award for his accomplishment

## Letter Winners

(Scoreboard not available)

Brain Moody

Bob Alstrum-Acevedo

Mike Nelson

Tony Niebur

Phil Beccue

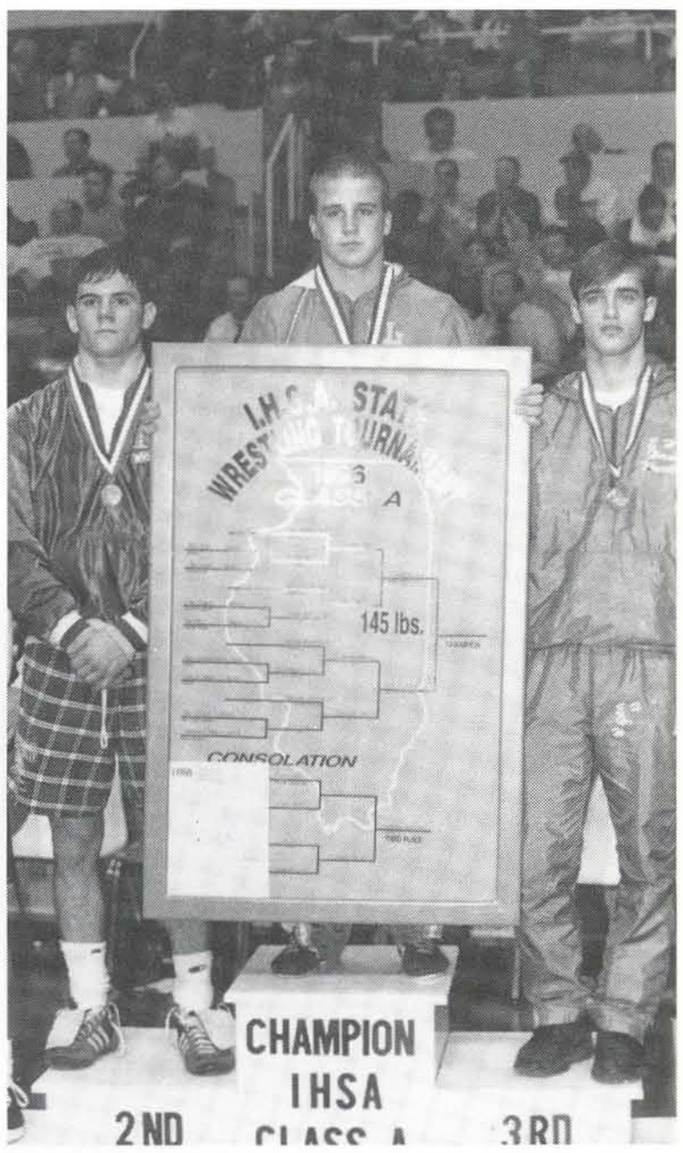
John Donovan

Tony Nelson

Nick Smith

Yemi Adelekan

Justin Smith



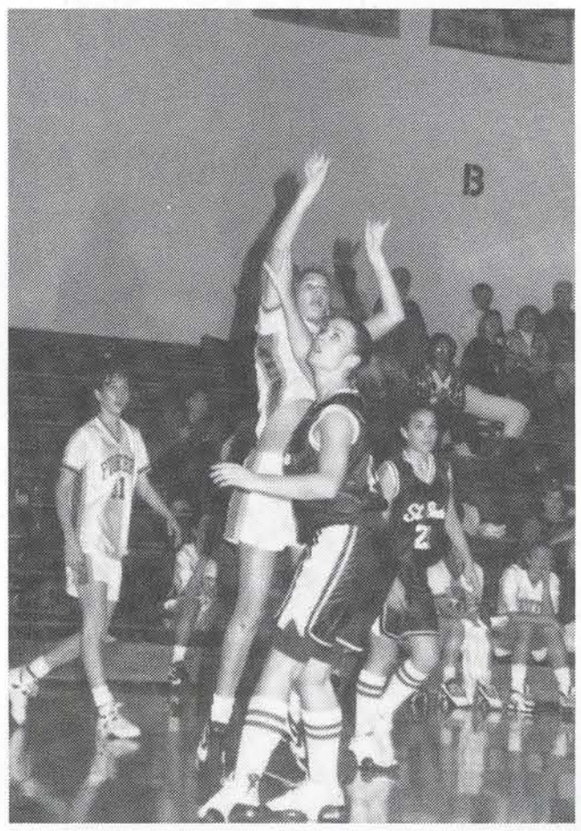

Above: Tony Niebur receives the 1996 Class A State Championship before thousands of fans. "Standing on the podium was one of the most exhilerating moments of my life," said Niebur. In the three years of wrestling at the varsity level, Niebur has accumulated a 117-21 record.

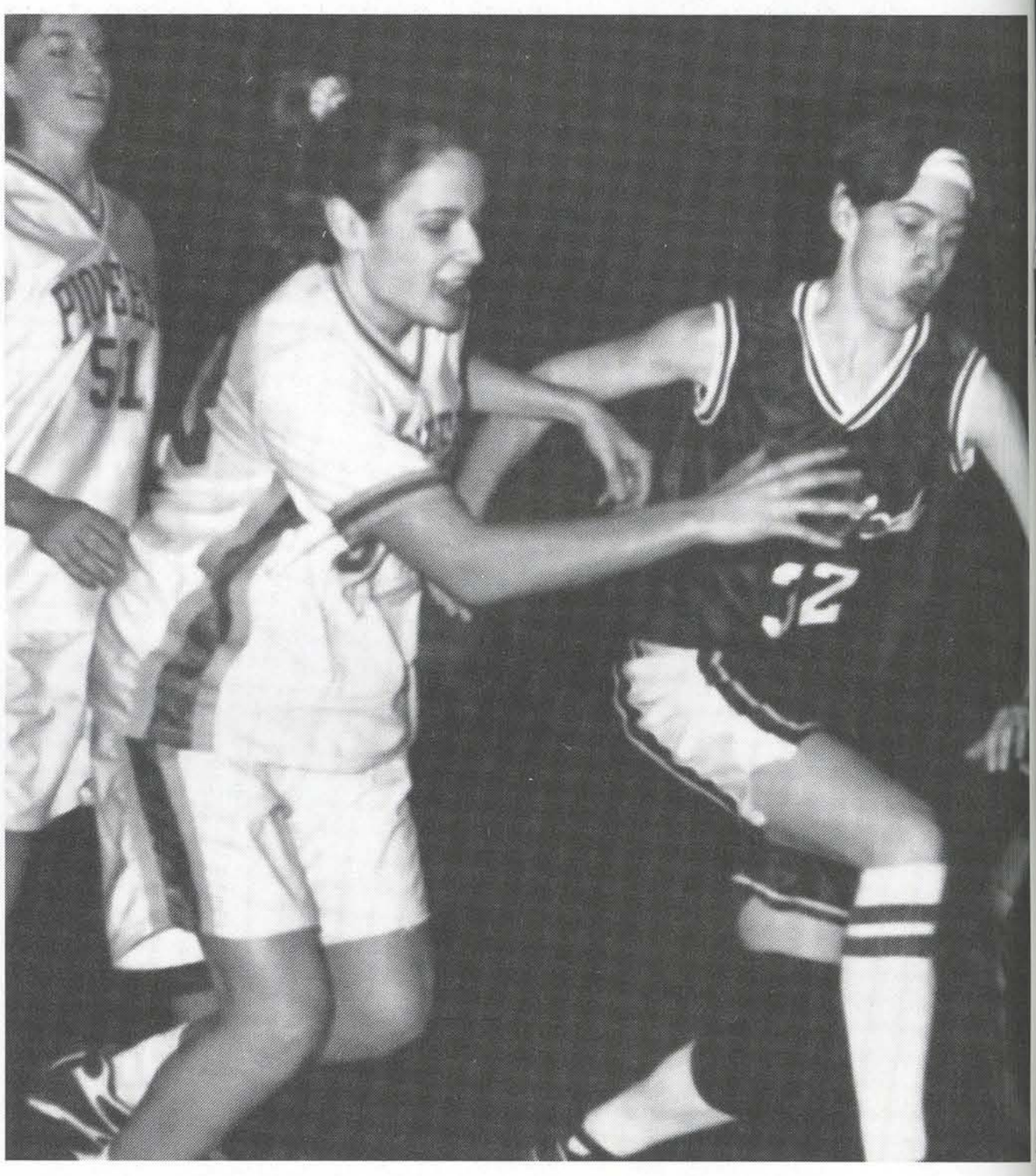
# Girls Come Out on Top

The U-High Girls basketball team had a shaky start this year, but ended up coming out on top with a record of 22-8. Senior experience was one thing that the girl's didn't have this season. The varsity team was composed mainly of juniors, which lead to a lack of experience for the Lady Pioneers. Head Coach Mike Sondgeroth stated, "I think we surpassed the expectations of many people, making it to the third consecutive supersectional. It was a great accomplishment and wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of each girl."

Senior center Jenelle Halm had to watch the team play nine games without her. Halm returned to play with the team until they were defeated by Dunlap in the final game of the Supersectionals by a score of 69-66. The Lady Pioneers didn't make it to State this year, but had a great season overall. The Lady Pioneers took first in the U-High Tourney, were Regional and Sectional Champions, and won a total of 22 games before falling to Dunlap for the Supersectional title.

VARSITY
First Row: Jamie Naffziger, Laura Jennings, Julie Abell, Christine O'Connor, Judy Yin, Melanie Shinault. Second Row: Assistant Coach Vicki Jacobs, Sarah Shamess, Jody Lanier, Jenelle Halm, Bridget Jones, Sarah Johnson, Assistant Coach Lori Mosier. Third Row: Head Coach Mike Sondgeroth, Lindsay Hunt, Laura Dwyer, Laura Truttman, Lacey Shirk, Freshman Coach Wendy Smith.

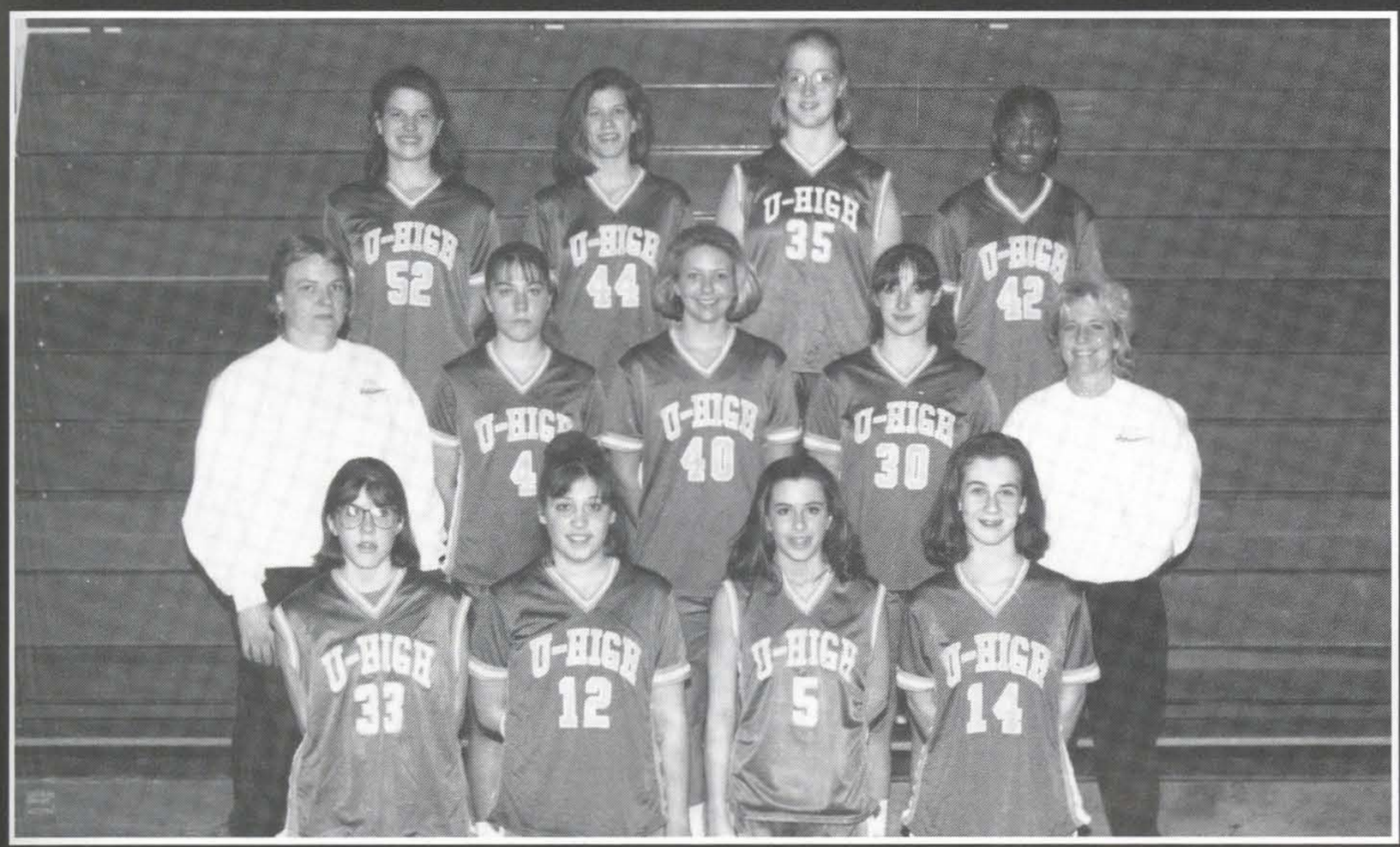


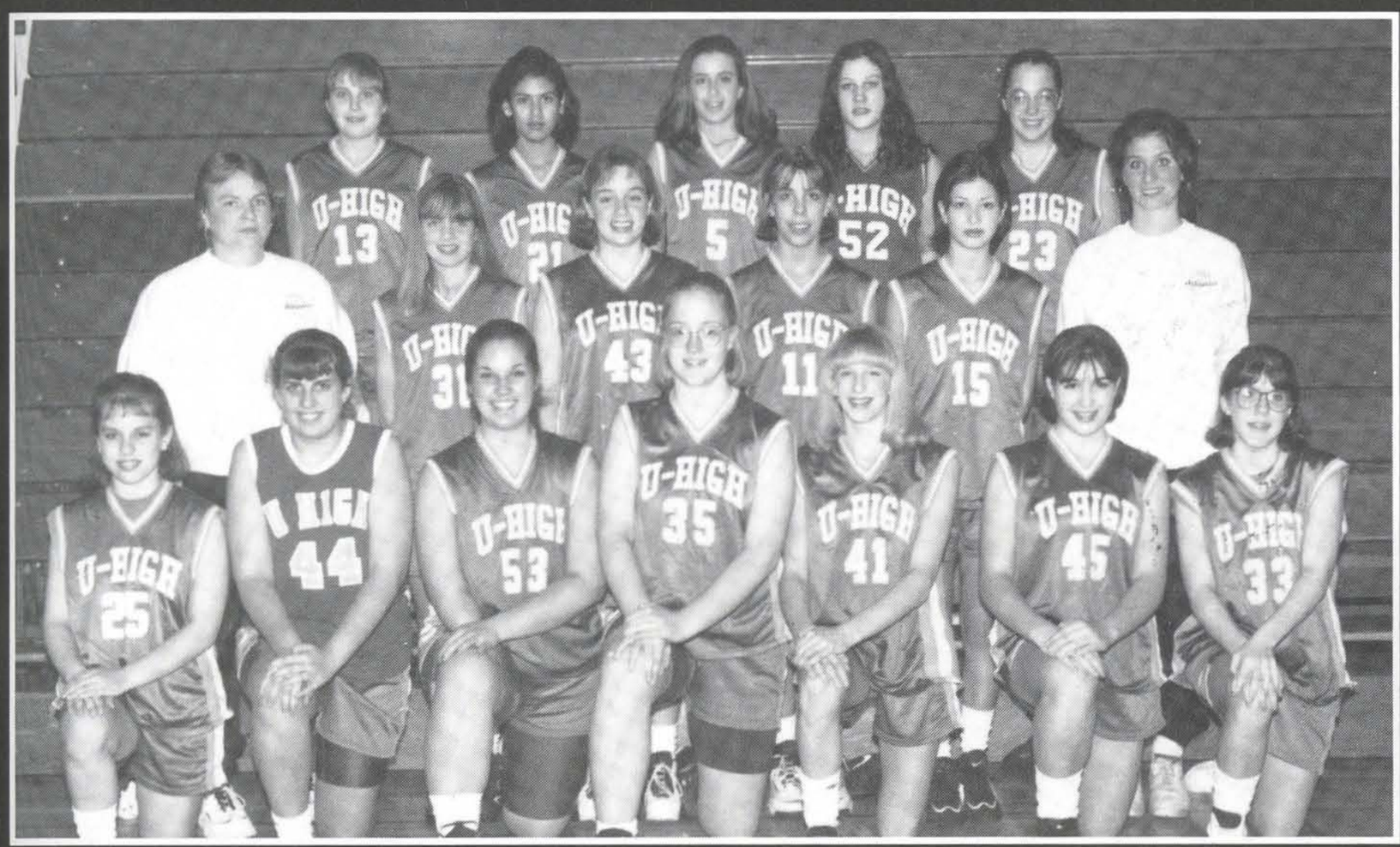


Above: Sophomore Lacey Shirk pops the jumper in the game against St. Bede while sophomore Sarah Shamess awaits the rebound.

Right: Juniors Lindsay Hunt and Laura Dwyer, strive to beat St. Bede to a loose ball.

JUNIOR VARSITY
First Row: Mary Beth Richardson , Stephanie Clawson, Andrea Cottone, Bridget Jones. Second Row: Assistant Coach Wendy Smith, Courtney Mapes, Sarah Johnson, Sally Straub, Head Coach Vicki Jacobs. Third Row: Jodi Lanier, Lacey Shirk, Susan Bertshe, Kim Bradshaw.





FRESHMEN
First Row: Katie Katz, Alissa Van den Bosche, Heidi Roesch, Susan Birtshe, Heidi Kuethe, Katie Wright, Mary Beth Richardson. Second Row: Head Coach Wendy Smith, Sara Knnuth, Wendy Futton, Kim Mathile, Kristen Tischhauser, Assistant coach Lori Mosier. Third Row: Kelly Beer, Maile Simpson, Andrea Cottone, A.J. Cunningham, Tara Wirsing.

## Scoreboard

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|---|---|
| Bloomington | L |
| Central | L |
| Normal | W |
| West | W |
| Prairie Central | W |
| Mahomet | W |
| St, Bede | W |
| Clinton | W |
| Morton | W |
| Sullivan | W |
| Ridgeview | W |
| Pontiac | W |
| Springfield | L |
| Dunlap | L |
| Midwest Central | W |
| Central | W |
| Eureka | W |
| Prairie Central | W |
| Olympia | L |
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| Olympia | W |
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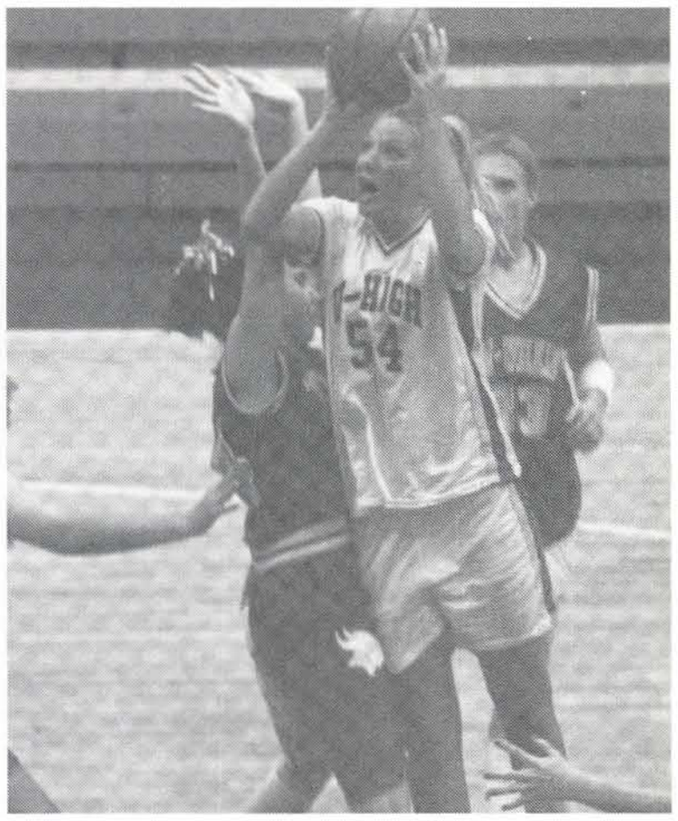
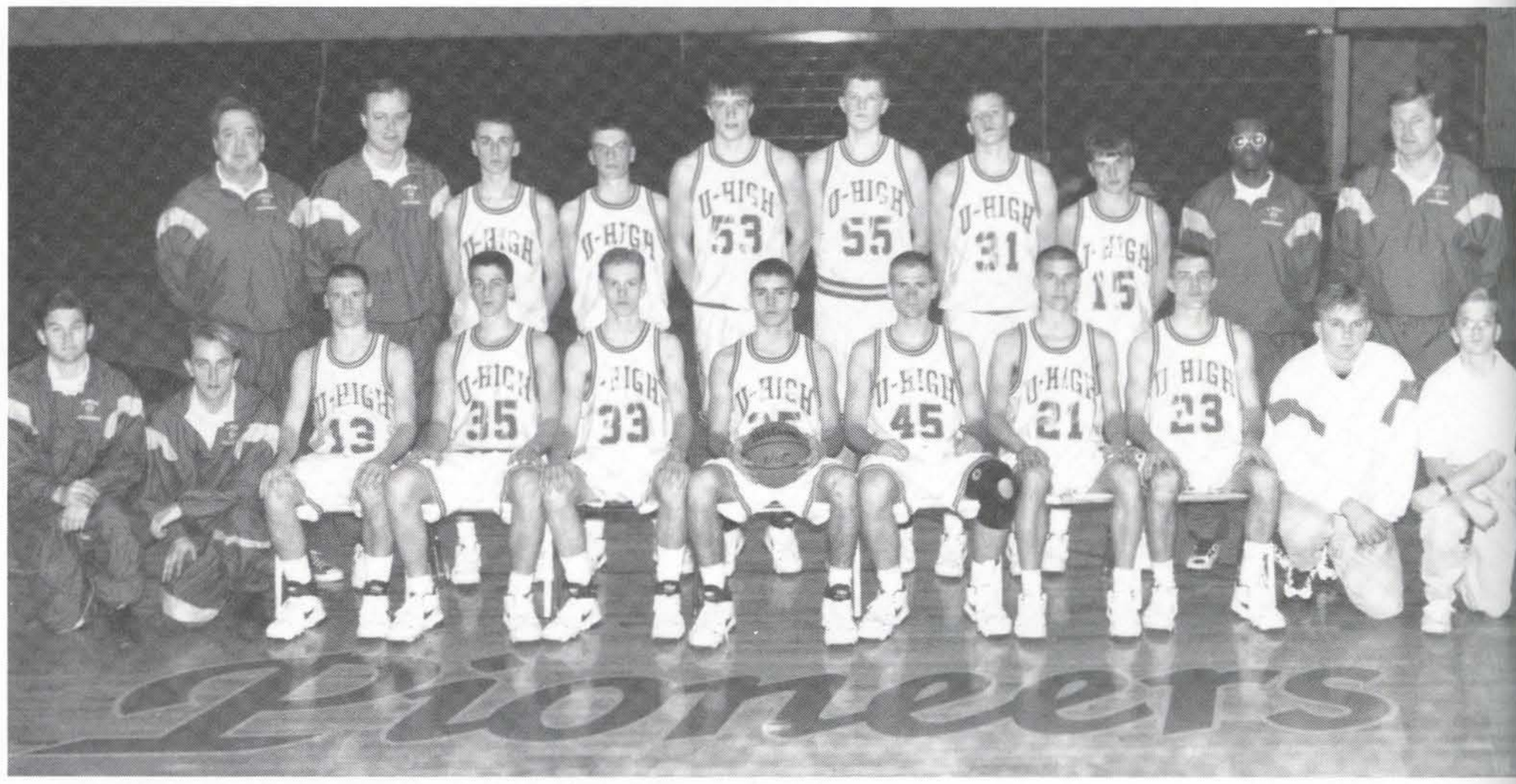


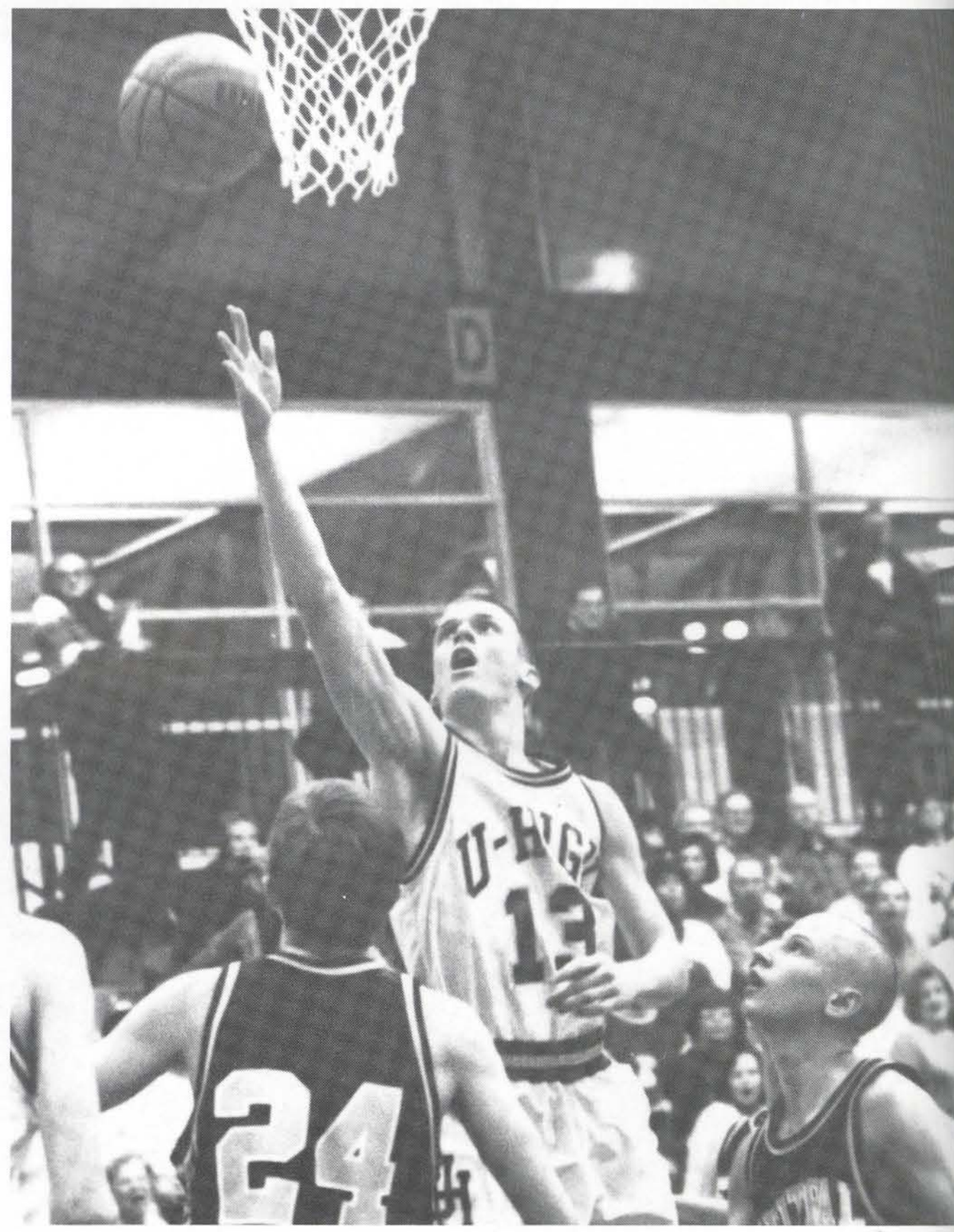
Above: Senior Jenelle Halm shoots the lay-up through the triple teamed defense of Tri-Valley.

# Teamwork Keys Boys Success

With only one returning starter from last year's State Championship squad, the Pioneers definitely had their work cut out for them. They accepted the challenge and worked together to acheive it. Led by team captains Matt McClintock and Kurt Olson, seniors, and Jeremy Stanton, junior, the Pioneers once again amassed an amazing season. Being the defending State Champions, the Pioneers had a hard reputation to live up to. Every team was out to knock them off, but the Pioneers held their own. U-High (24-5) started off the season ranked sixth in State and never dropped from the top ten. U-High won its first ever outright Intercity Title this year. The season continued to go well as the Pioneers notched two victories over Class AA schools during the Bloomington-Normal Holiday Classic. U-High captured first place in the Corn Belt for the fifth year out of the past six years. Stanton was named the Corn Belt Conference Most Valuable Player and to the All-Conference first team. McClintock received second team honors. In the post-season, U-High hosted their own regional. Home court advantage paid off for the Pioneers as they captured the regional crown with victories over Eureka and Central Catholic. U-High met up with Fieldcrest in the first round of sectionals. The Pioneers held on to defeat them by one during overtime. Unfortunately, U-High lost to Midwest Central in the sectional championship game. The key to the Pioneers great season was teamwork.

VARSITY
First Row: Ryan Short, Jason Seffner, Kurt Olson, Nitai Spiro, Todd Mitchell, Marty Deutsch, Matt McClintock, Darrin York, Eric Schlipf, Jason Abel, Justin Dennis. Second Row: Coach Glenn Leary, Coach Selby Hubbard, Jeremy Stanton, Nick Anderson, Jason Halm, Seth Hubbard, Neill Beurskens, Dan Bradley, Coach Lester Hampton, Head Coach Cal Hubbard.




Right: Senior Kurt Olson drives to the basket through two Central Catholic defenders. Olson was a Corn Belt Conference honorable mention and averaged 8.6 points per game.

SOPHOMORE
First Row: Andy Herman, Nate Romance, Lance McMillan, Pete Martin, Matt Bradley, Jason Halm, Andy Hinthorne. Second Row: Coach Bob Fitzgerald, Brian Flynn, Joel Searby, Aaron Bareither, Seth Hubbard, Joe Whitaker, Jon Charles, David Arnold, Coach Hampton.

FRESHMEN
First Row: Dan Swerdlik, Jon Williamson, Todd Witherow, Jeff Myers, Gabe Weis, Josh Wheeler, Pat Drinan. Second Row: Coach Selby Hubbard, Student Coach Brandon Atkins, Nick Roediger, Jared Dalcourt, Brad Yamada, Luke Harding, Alex Kowerko, Jason Rainey, Jeremy Rakers, Ricky Hildreth, Coach Glenn Leary.

## Scoreboard

| | |
|---|---|
| Normal West | W |
| Central Catholic | W |
| Normal Community | W |
| Bloomington | W |
| Mahomet-Seymour | L |
| Pontiac | W |
| Bishop McNamara | W |
| Ridgeview | W |
| Morris | W |
| Sterling | W |
| Rockford Boylan | L |
| Olympia | W |
| Hartsburg-Emden | W |
| Pontiac | W |
| Prairie Central | W |
| Eureka | W |
| Quincy Notre Dame | W |
| Central Catholic | W |
| Mahomet-Seymour | W |
| Peoria Notre Dame | W |
| Olympia | W |
| Prairie Central | L |
| Aurora Christian | W |
| Providence- St. Mel | W |
| Midwest Central | L |
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| Central Catholic | W |
| SECTIONALS | |
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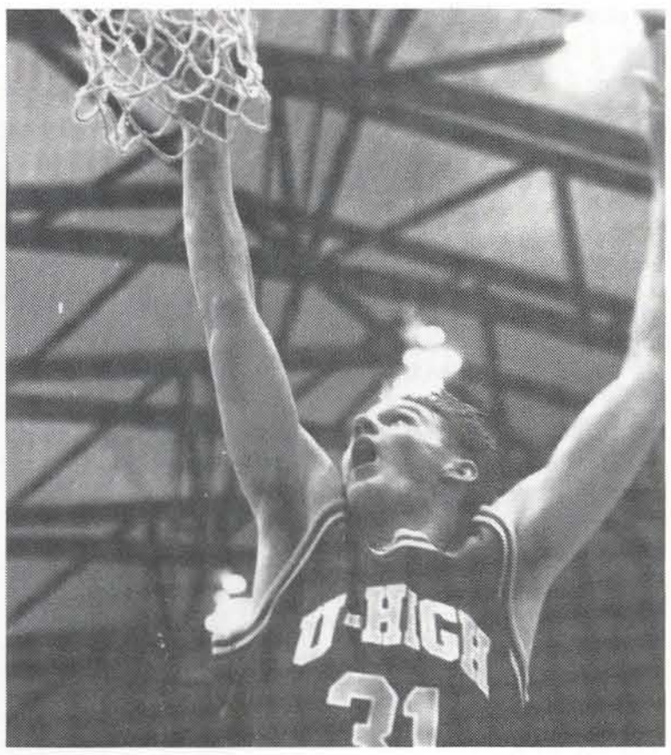
| Midwest Central | L |



Above: Sophomore Neill Beurskens elevates to grab a rebound during the Intercity Tournament. Beurskens was the only sophomore to earn a starting position on the varsity squad.

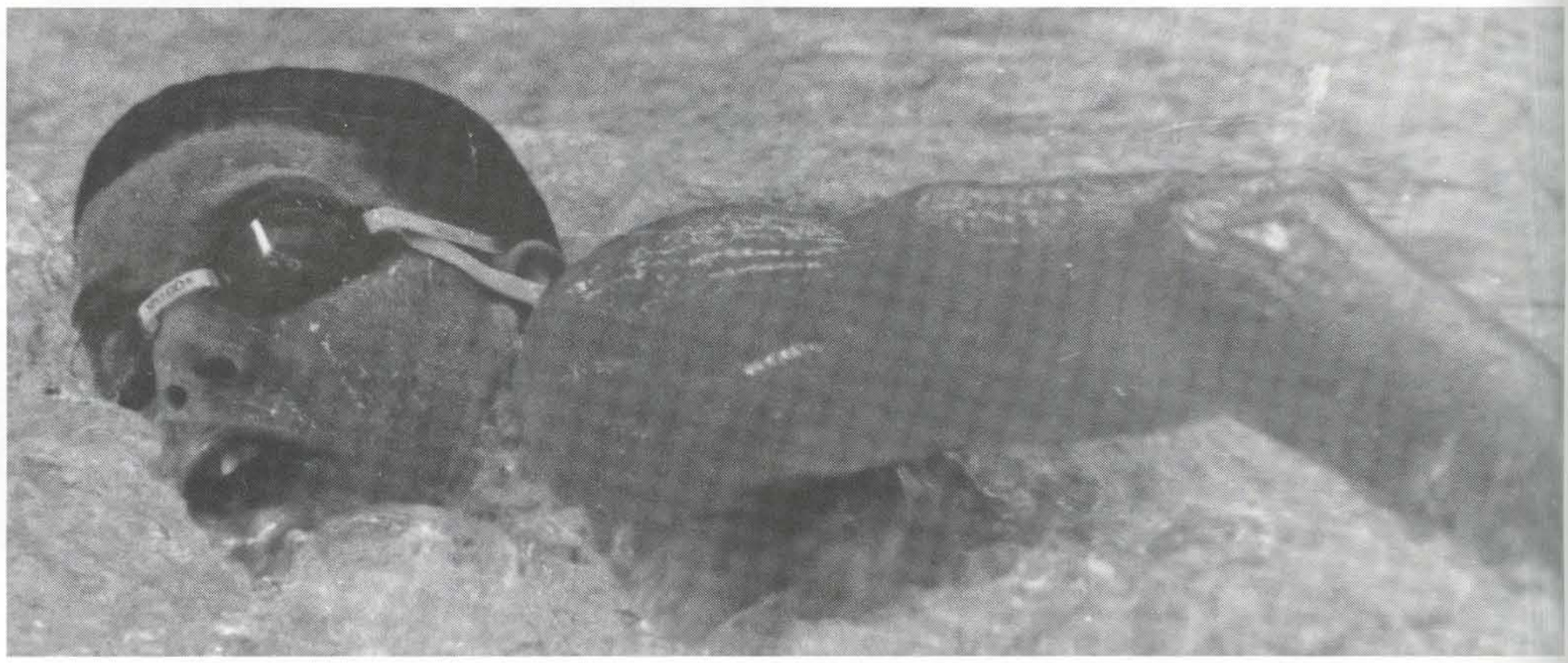
# Determination Brings Success

Led by team captains Brian Moshier and Kuo Chiang-Lian, seniors, and Mark Harris and Andy Golomb, juniors, the boys swimming and diving team once again proved to be successful. The swimming and diving Pioneers reached a season high at Sectionals with one-hundred percent best times. Four members advanced to State at Evanston Township High School. Moshier qualified in the 200 individual medley, 500 freestyle, and 400 freestyle relay. Joining him on the relay were Lian, senior Tom Beccue, and Harris. Moshier earned the most valuable swimmer award, while Golomb took the most valuable diver award.

Sophomores Nathan Turnis and Jeff Yeagle ended the season as the most improved swimmer and diver, while K.C. Kuniyoshi, senior, received the team spirit award. Every member of the team walked away with a varsity letter for the outstanding contributions they made.

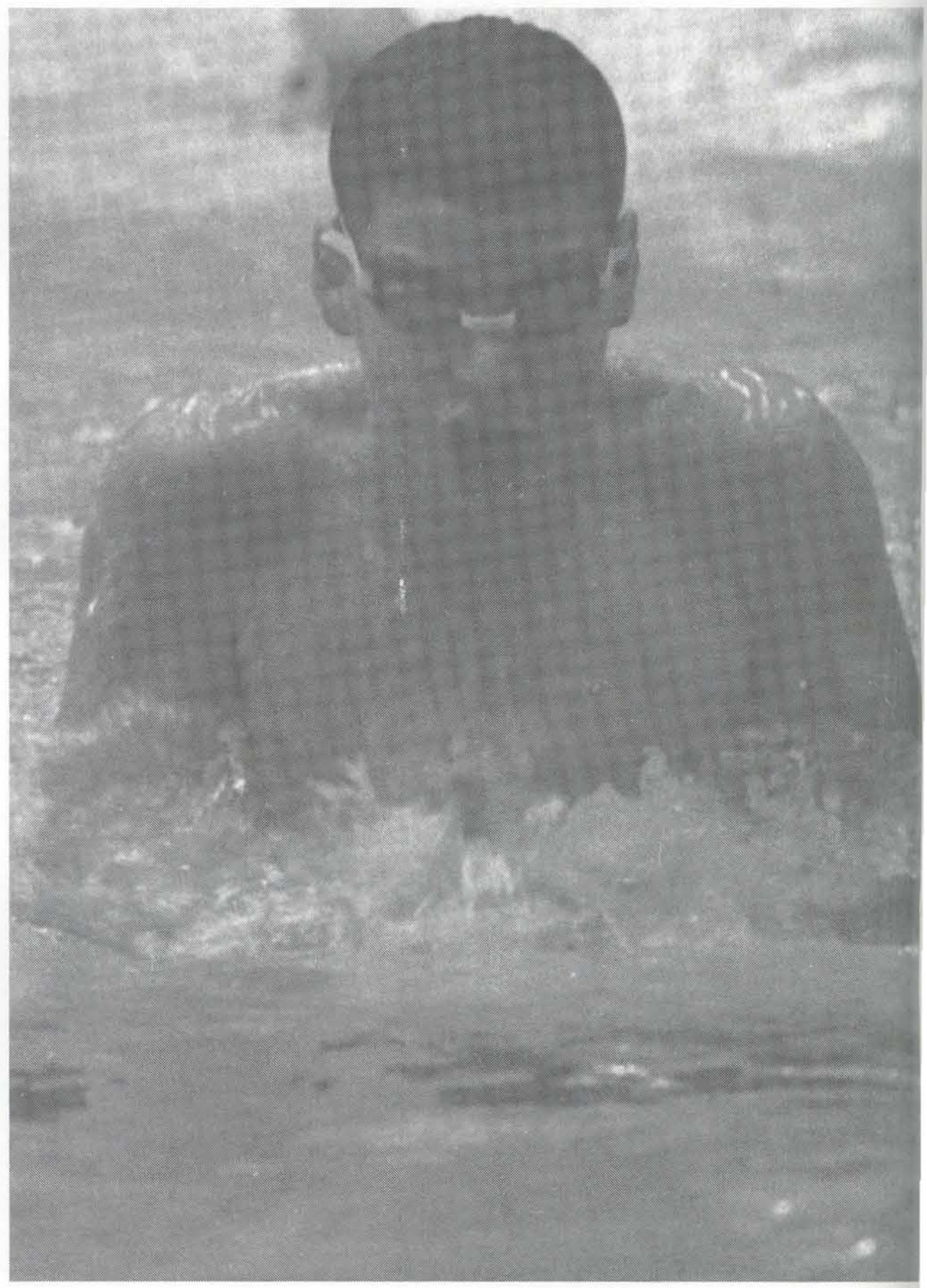
"I was happy with the outcome of the season and the teamwork, and I am looking forward to next year," said Harris.

Below: Senior Brian Moshier strokes his way to a strong first place finish in the 500 freestyle at Horton Pool. He advanced to the State Meet in this event and placed 23rd after the preliminary round.

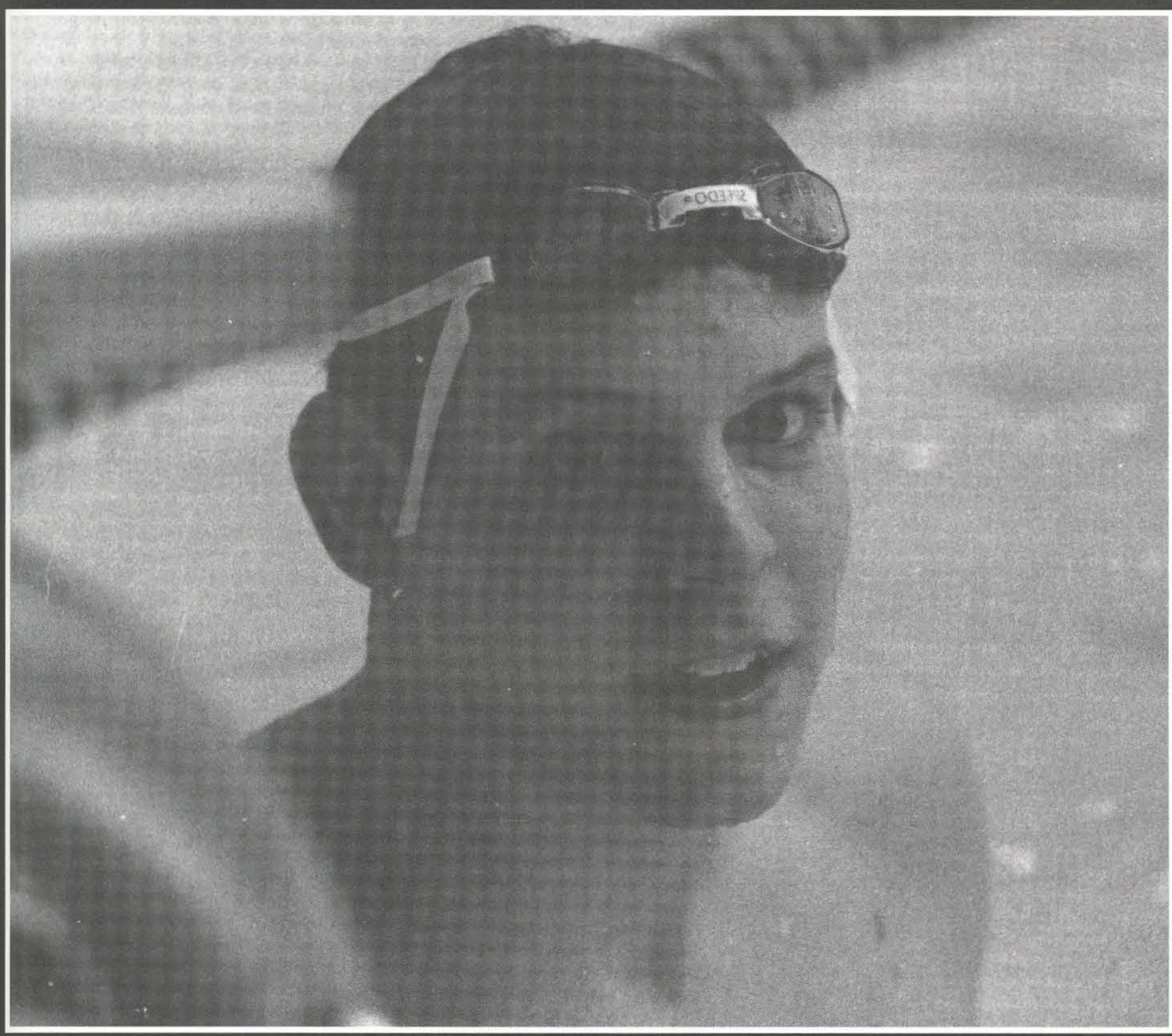


Above: The swimmers congratulate Champaign Central's relay team after a job well done.

Right: Junior Mark Harris brings it home hard in the 100 breaststroke.



VARSITY
First Row: Coach Aaron Buss, Nathan Turnis, Brandon Albee, Andy Schmidgall, Charlie Black, Matt Koglin, Coach Michelle McClain, Coach Michelle Hoffman. Second Row: Mark Harris, J.D. Klaverweiden, Tom Benjamin, Johnathan Schulyer, Ben Shoot, Andy Sur. Third Row: Brian Moshier, Tom Beccue, K.C. Kuniyoshi, Andy Golomb, Jeff Yeagle, Jim Oltman, Tony Varda.



Above: Senior Brian Moshier is happy with the outcome of the race. He is taking a rest after swimming the 200 freestyle at a home meet at Horton Pool. At the State Meet, held at Evanston Township High School, he had a 14th place finish.

## Scoreboard

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|---|---|
| Urbana | W |
| Limestone | W |
| Dunlap | L |
| Cedar Rapids Invite | 6th |
| Intercity | |
| 2nd | |
| Olympia | W |
| Eureka | W |
| Champaign Central | L |
| Sectionals | 4th |

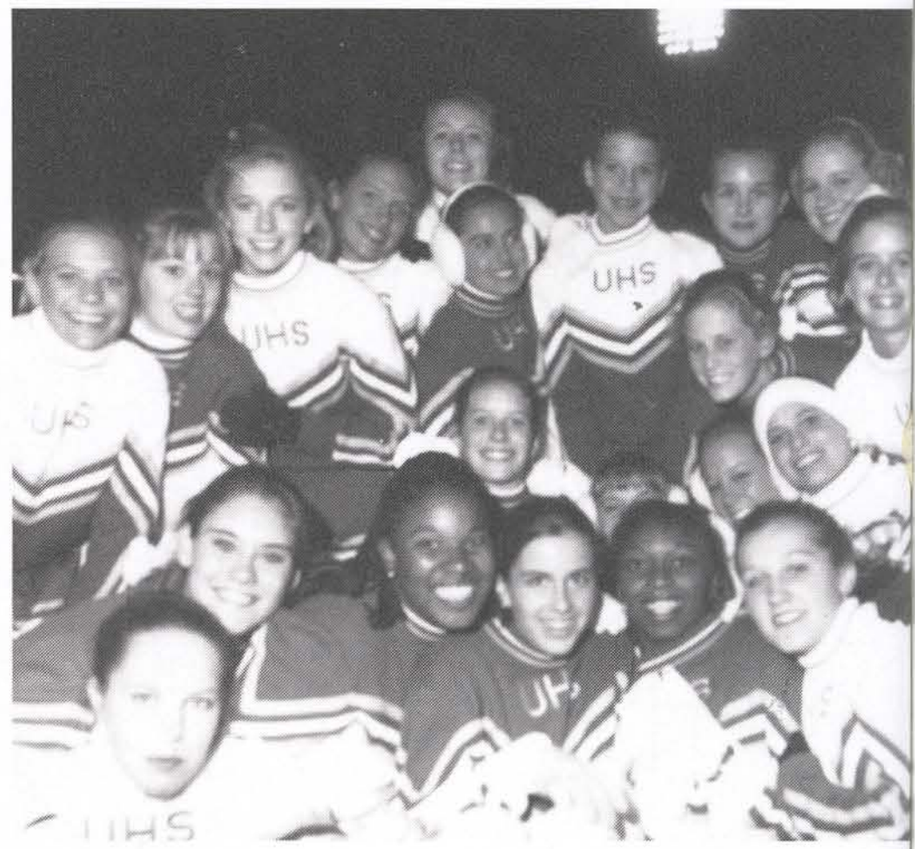
# JUMP START

U-High Cheerleaders must really love their activity. Being the only sport that lasts through both the fall and winter season they show extreme dedication. Although they compete for two seasons they only receive one letter, while each other sport receives a letter for every active season.

The 1995-1996 season proved to be a succesful one for the cheerleaders. Over the summer they attended the Universal Cheerleading Association camp at Indiana University. In January, they competed in a cheerleading competition in Lockport. The Varsity squad came back from the Lockport Competition with a well deserved second place.

Coached by Laurie Kammin with help from ISU student assistant Leslie Ziarko, the cheerleaders really know how to jump start the crowd during football and basketball games.

VARSITY
Kristy Corbitt, Angie Davidson, Deirdre Welsh, Lexi Baldocchi, Molly McCambridge, Carrie Borowski, Jerusha Pedersen, Kristin Smith.



Above: Pre-game warmup. The junior varsity squad takes advantage of the empty stands.

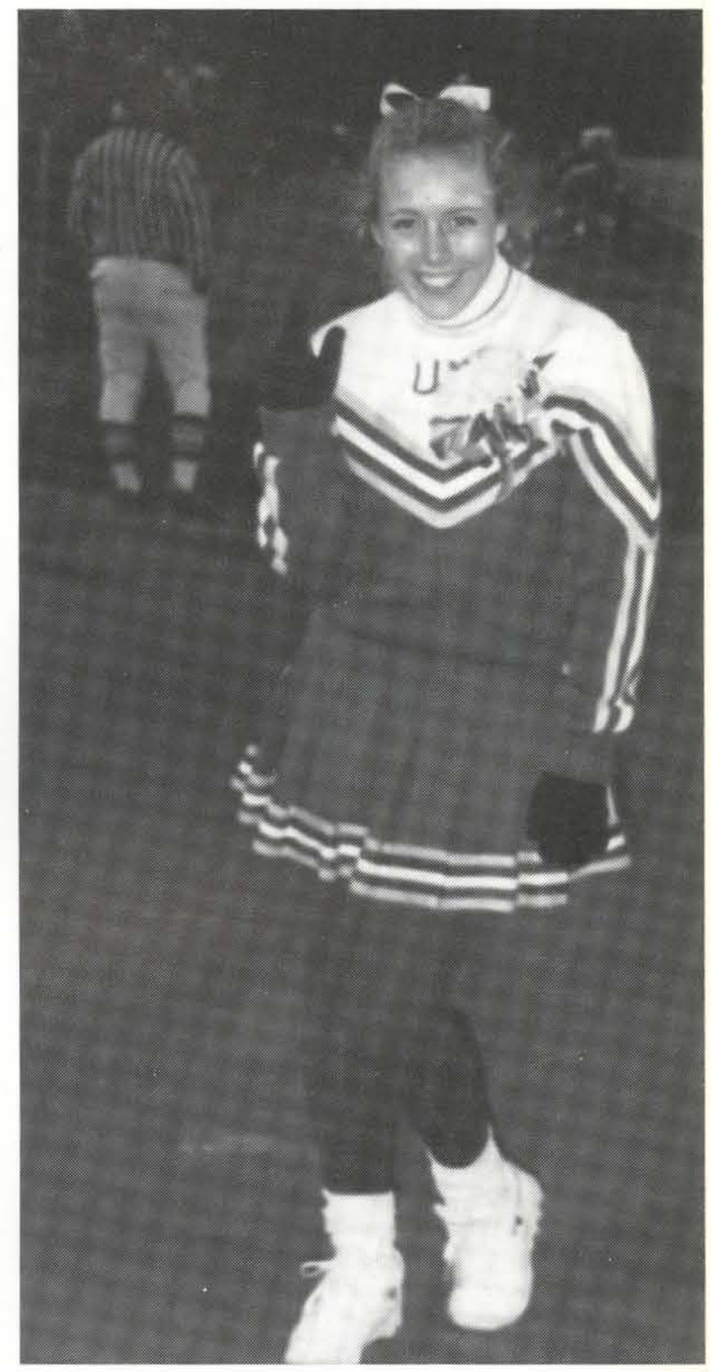
Above Right: The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen cheerleaders, all bundled up, huddle together for warmth during a varsity football game.

Right: The varsity cheerleaders really have school spirit. They perform their competition dance for the U-High student body at the fall pep assembly.

FRESHMEN
Emily Koglin, Andria Cottone, Courtney Roetzer, Kristina Grusinski.

JUNIOR VARSITY
First Row: Jessica Cumpston, Jenell Rayford. Second row: Carla James, Sara Faber, Ingrid Kays. Third row: Bridget Nord, Kara Whitecotton, Caroline Skaggs.

Below: Senior Jerusha Pedersen thinks her cheerleading uniform is pretty chic. She wore her uniform during the half-time announcement of queen at the homecoming footbal game.



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# From the Starting Line

Along with spring came the start of a new season for the girls track team. Coaches Jerry Parsons and Joanne Weeger were the masterminds behind yet another successfull season.

The girls team participated in a short indoor season which included three meets. The first meet of the year was an indoor meet at the Weslyan's new Shirk center. Other indoor meets included the Cogdal Relays and the indoor state meet.

The first outdoor meet took place at Pontiac. The Pioneers competed against Herser, Flanagan and Pontiac.

At sectionals the team placed in 13 events, bringing home first place. The team advanced to state in 8 events. The indidiuals who went to state included Sarah Stuckey in the 800, Laura Truttman in the 100 and 300 hurdles, Mandy Tucker in the triple jump and Tina Yang in the high jump. Tucker and Stuckey joined Erin Mapel and Chela Kapanga in the 1600 meter relay. Kapenga joined Angela Crowley, Rachel Wells and Julie Yeaglein the 3200 relay.

Although the team had fewer members than the last few years, the team had high expectations. Julie Yeagle continually displayed their optimism: "The quality is still there. We are hoping to do better than ever at state."

GIRLS TRACK
First Row: Julie Foster, Laura Truttman, Mandy Tucker, Ruby Kahn, Anne Arnold, Sarah Stuckey, Shelly Oliver, Jill Donovan, Eliza McCaw, Julie Yeagle. Second Row: Chela Kapanga, Nidhi Puri, Angela Crowley, Faye Yang, La'eeqa Khalilallah, Heidi Rush, Erin Mapel, Crystal Carter, Cornelia Klimm. Third Row: Coach Jerry Parsons, Stephanie Te, Rachel Wells, Jennifer Yang, Linda Fanis, Tina Yang, Sara Chan, Courtney Mapes, Jamie Troutman, Angie Warner, Coach Joanne Weeger.

Above: Senior Jennifer Yang bounds into the long jump pit, placing fifth at Intercity. This year's Intercity was the first to ever be held at Normal West.

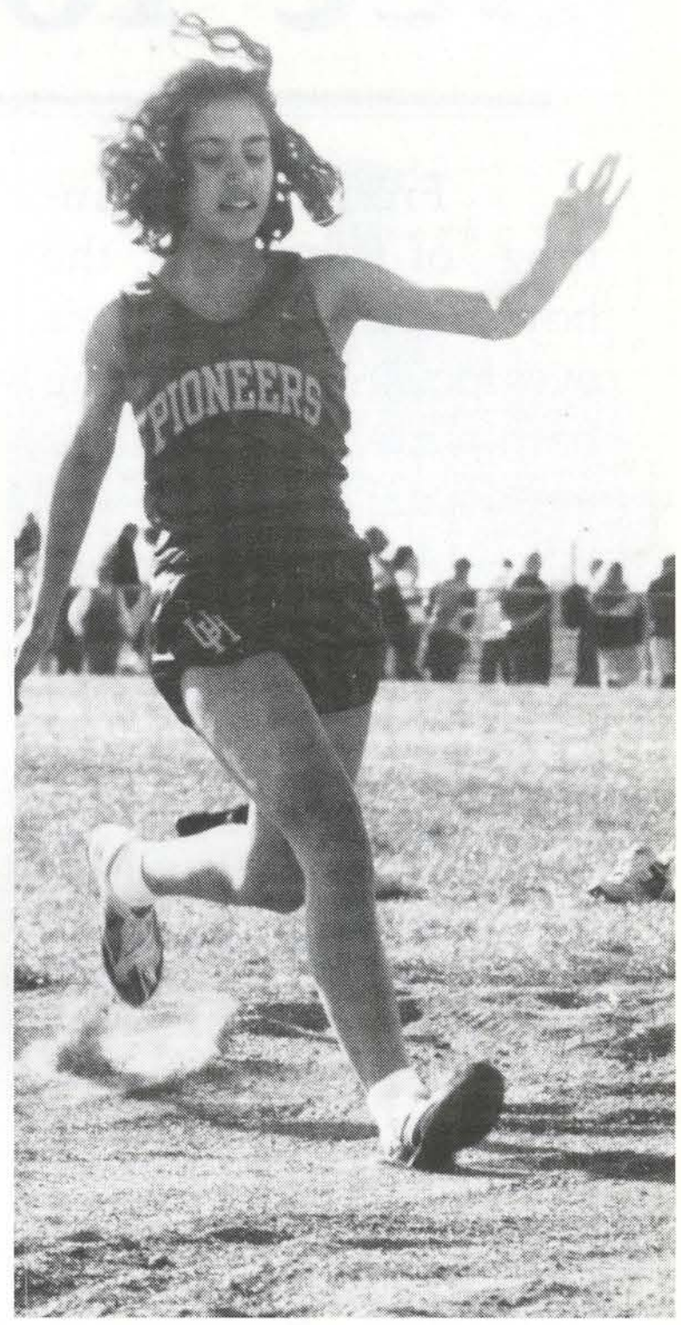
Above Left: Senior Erin Maple leaps over the hurdles in her path to finishing at the Clinton Carnival.

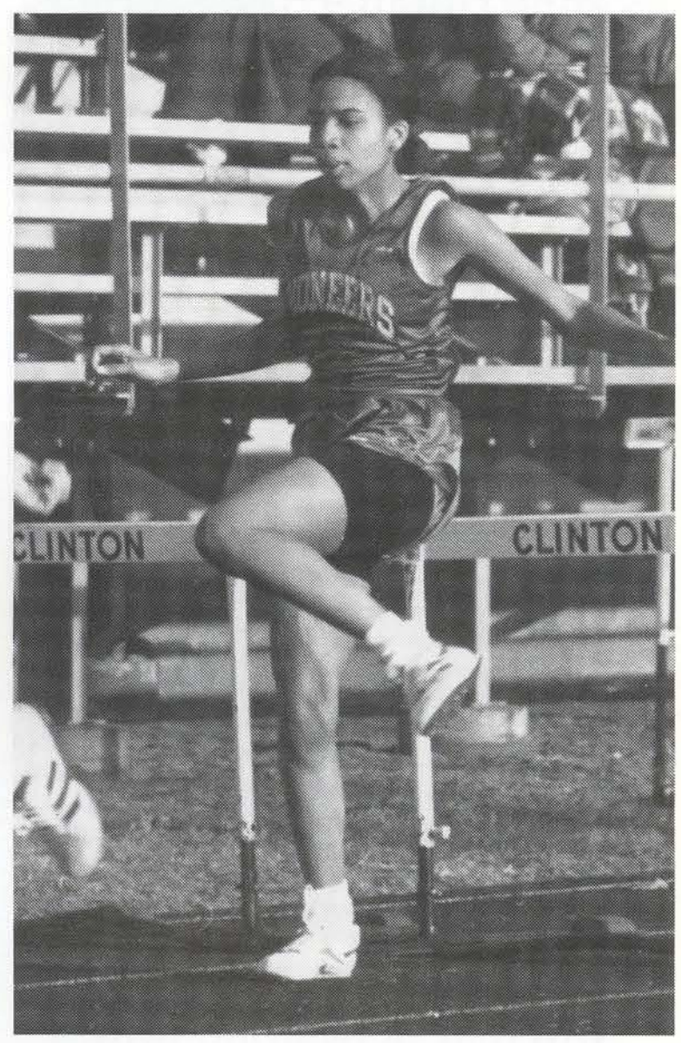
Below: Sophmore Tina Yang flies over the high jump. Yang's incredible ability at the high jump took her to State.

Above: Senior Sarah Stuckey shows her stuff in competing against a Lincoln rival.

Left: Senior Rachel Wells leads the pack of runners during the 3200 meter relay at the Clinton Carnival. U-High placed third in the relay.

Below: Sophmore Ruby Kahn skids into the long jump pit.





Above: Senior Crystal Carter flies over the hurdles at the Clinton meet.

# See You at the Finish Line

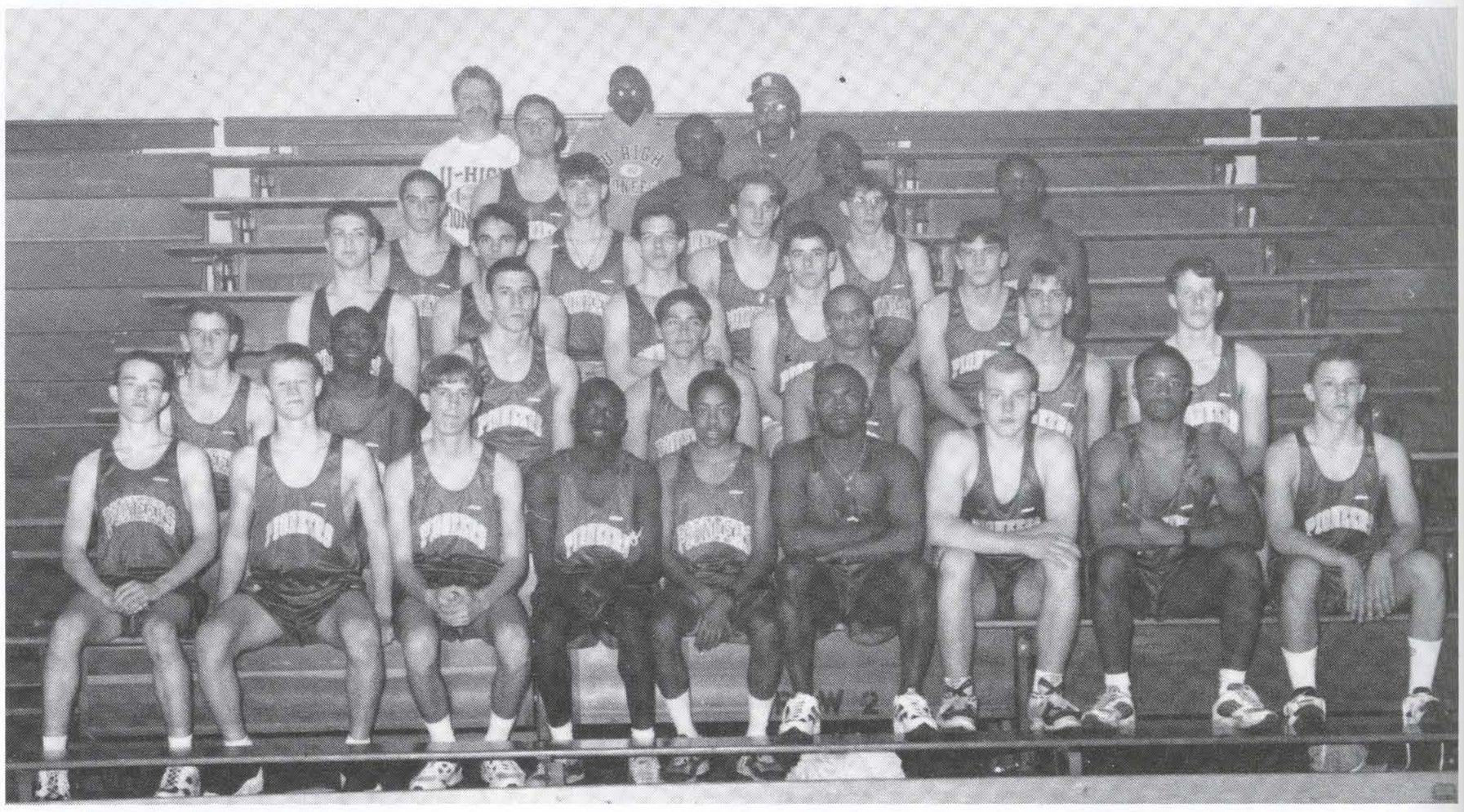
From the beginning of the season, the boys track team had their eyes focused on succeding both as a team and in their individual goals.

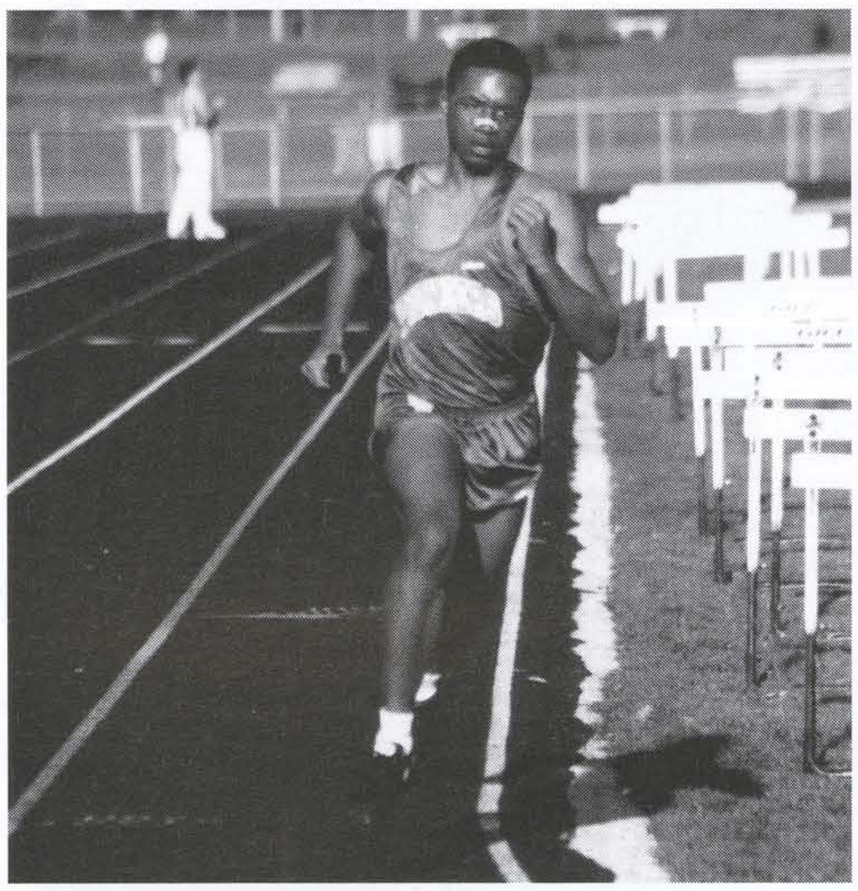
At The Corn Belt Conference, second place became a pattern for the Pioneers. Junior Rinsola Adelekan got second place in the 400 with a time of 54.3. With a time of 2:01, senior J.J. Simpson received second in the 800 relay. A second place victory was given to senior John Lutkehaus when he bolted through the two mile run in 9:57.9. Junior Mike Lockhart recieved three amazing second place victories in the long jump, high jump and high hurdles.

The highlight of the season for the team was in their performance at Sectionals. For the first time in three years, the team brought home the Sectional title with their excellent level of competition in both sprinting and distance events.

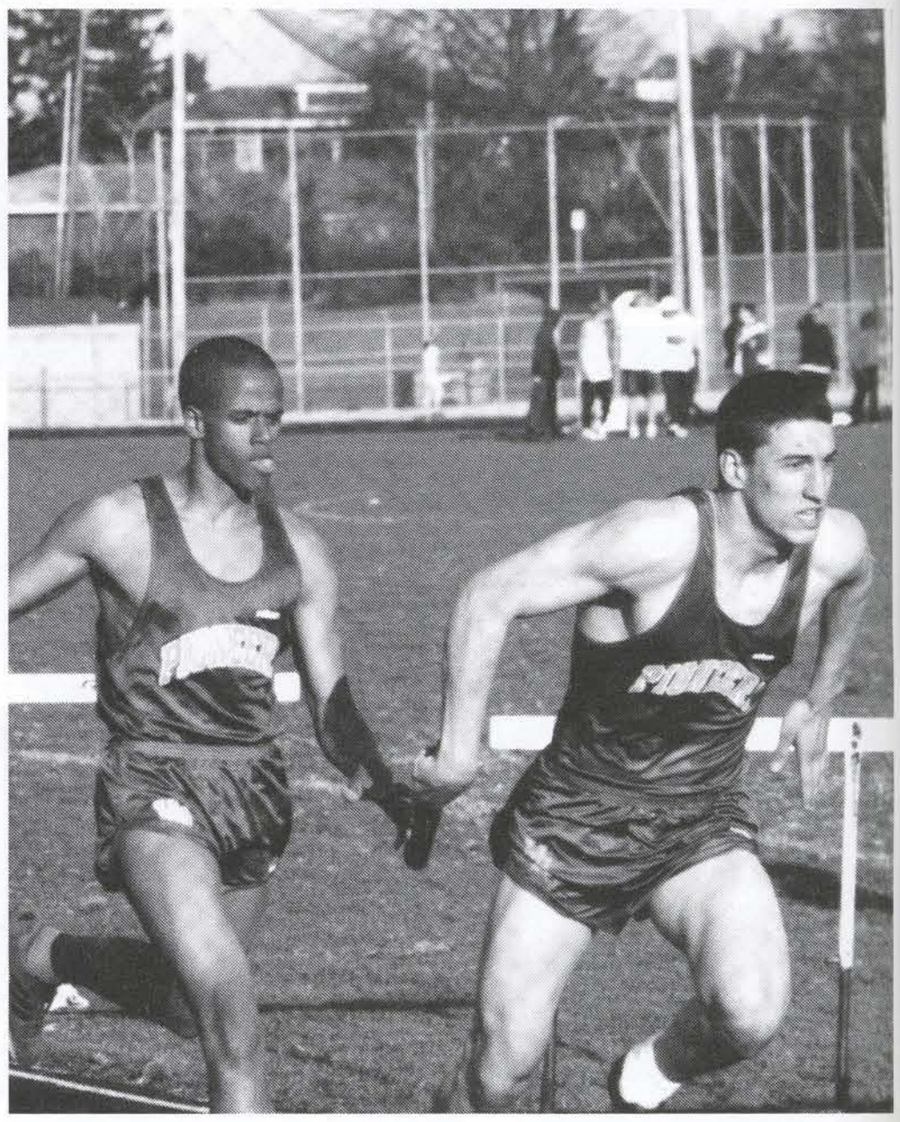
Coach Lester Hampton was extremely proud of the team. "Overall, I think the team had an outstanding preformance," said Hampton.

BOYS TRACK
First Row: Vince Barrows, Joe Kramp, Justin Filipiak, Ricky Hildreth, Yemi Adelekan, Jason Hunter, Tom Benjamin, J.J Simpson, Brett Maple. Second Row: Nathaniel Schurter, Aaron Guzman, Tom Beccue, Mike Nelson, Ben Fritz, Brandon Fifer, Nick Barrows. Third Row: Tony Varda, Mike Toepke, Tony Segneri, John Donovan, Phillip Beccue. Fourth Row: John Lutkehaus, Ray Podesta, Chris Blume, Jeff Yeagle, Mike Lockhart. Fifth Row: Wes Hunt, Chris Murphy, Rinsola Adelekan. Sixth Row: Coach Jones, Coach Hampton, Coach Jelks.



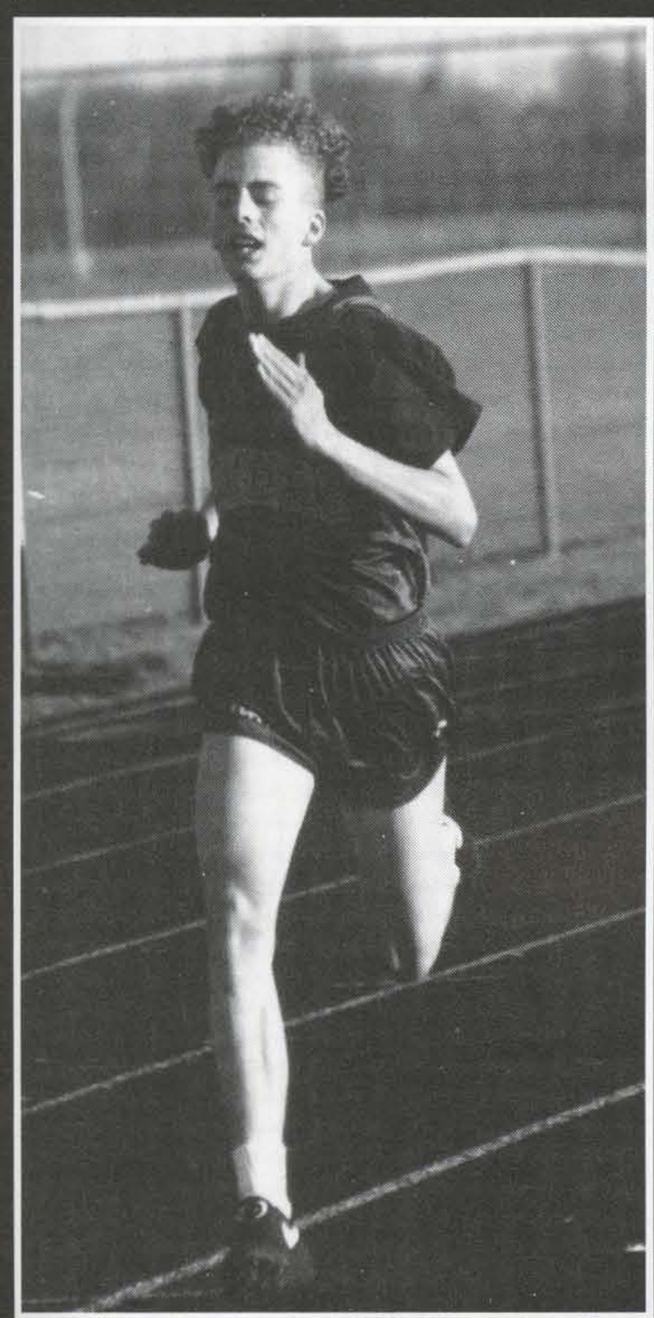


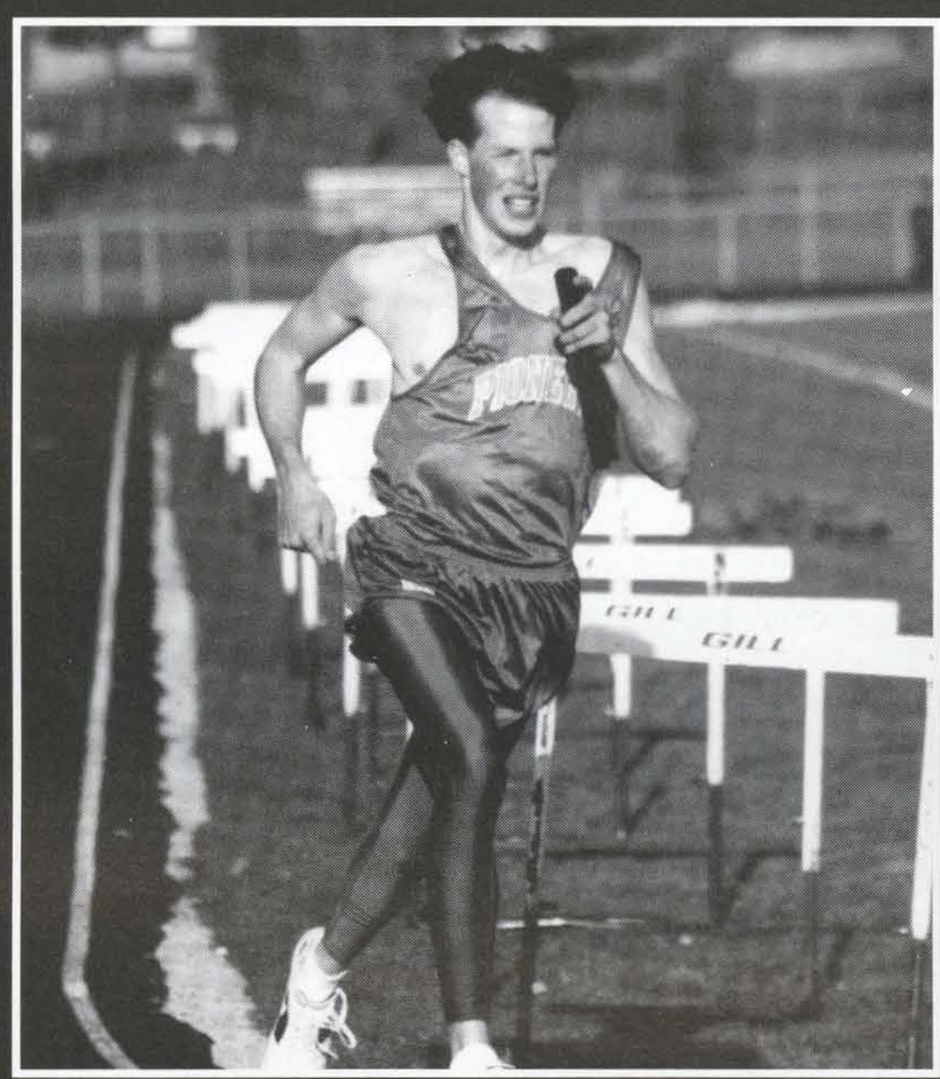
Above: Senior J.J. Simpson runs the 4x800 relay at the Intercity meet. The 4x800 meter relay was one of the team's best events this year.



Above: Seniors Ben Fritz and Tom Beccue successfully complete the handoff in 4x100 relay at Intercity.

Below: Tom Beccue amazes the crowd with his high jump at the Sectional meet.

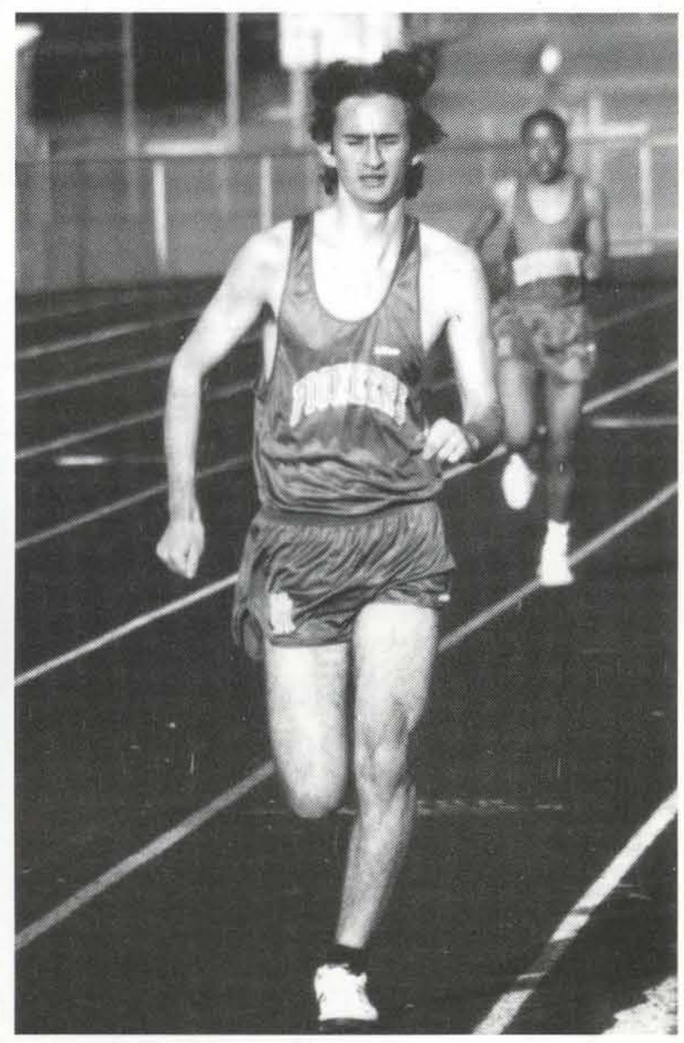




Above: Senior Nick Barrows sprints, baton in hand, during a track meet.

Left: Junior Chris Blume runs like the wind at Intercity.

Below: Junior Mike Lockhart soars through the air while competing in the long jump.



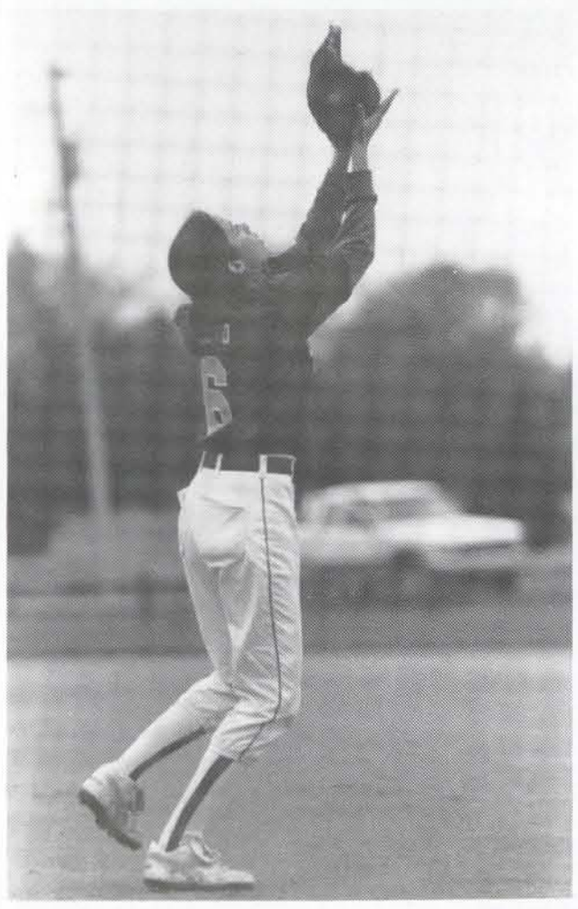
Above: Senior Mike Perillo competes in the 3200 meter (2 mile) run. Freshman Yemi Adelekan was close behind.

# Girls Return to Sectionals

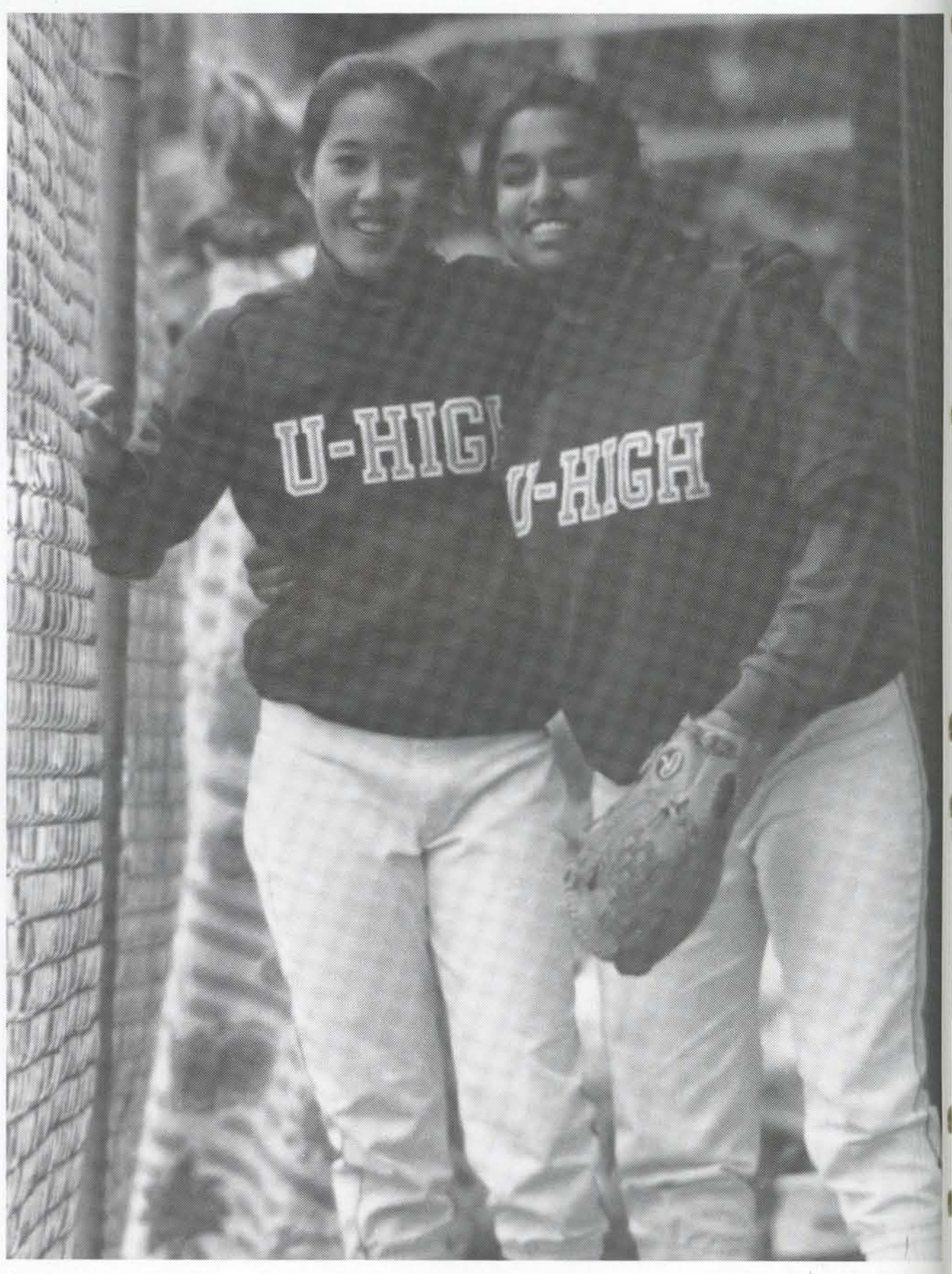
Despite all of the negative factors this season, the girls softball team won the regional championship and returned to sectionals. U-High started the season with many obstacles to overcome. They faced the problem of not having any senior leadership on the team. Juniors Joanie Gerdes, Kristi Witherow, Hannah McGeehan, and Jamie Naffziger stepped up and assumed the role that seniors had formerly played. The three returning starters from last year's team helped lead the Pioneers to a Regional Championship over Fieldcrest. U-High was also without veteren coach Char Lehnen this year. Wendy Smith took the job of head coach. "Coach Smith is an excellent coach. She is very patient with us and includes everyone in the practices and games in one way or another," said Gerdes.

U-High's pitching staff consisted of junior Kristy Ralston and freshman Amy Varda. Both pitchers had no varsity experience coming into the season, but both emerged from the season boasting a winning record.

Below: The U-High infield talk it over and try to calm themselves down in a meeting on the mound. The Pioneers tied for second place in the Corn Belt Conference this year with Prairie Central.

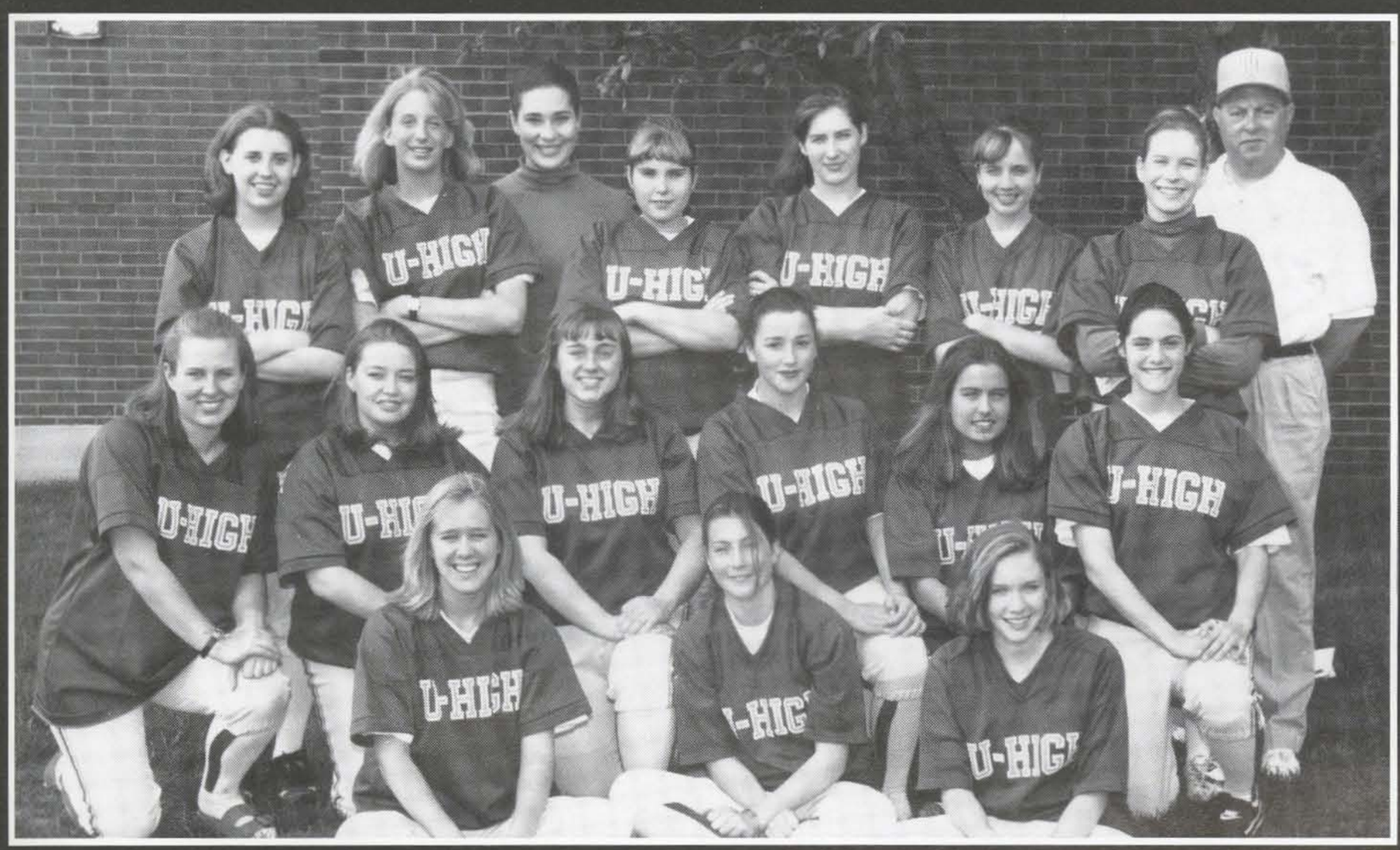


Above: Junior Lauren Reno perfectly postions herself underneath a fly ball. Reno started the season playing first base and then switched to third.




Right: Juniors Judy Yin and Nicole Rainey cheer on the U-High offense. Yin played second base while Rainey found time in right field.

VARSITY
First Row: Kristi Witherow, Bridget Jones, Judy Yin, Joanie Gerdes, Sarah Johnson, Jamie Naffziger, Nicole Rainey, Lauren Reno, Assistant Coach Conway. Second Row: Coach Smith, Lindsey Hunt, Alyssa Jennings, Kristy Ralston, Lindsey O'Neil, Hannah McGeehen, Amy Varda.



JUNIOR VARSITY
First Row: Erin O'Connor, Julie Bisbee, Kristy Corbitt. Second Row: Tami Storbakken, Amy VanCauwenberge, Amy Magarity, Toni DeCristofaro, Jessica Cumpston, Abby Scheirer. Third Row: Brandy Braye, Heidi Keuthe, Emily Greenspan, Kelly Bee, Sally Straub, Sarah Knuth, Cristina Gruszynski, Coach Gault.

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Above: Sophomore Sarah Johnson tries to keep warm in the dugout. About halfway through the season Johnson injured her ankle. She was sidelined for the rest of the season.

# Baseball, Smashing!

The Pioneers had a great ending to their season this year. U-High finished with a 24-11 record and brought home a third place trophy from the state tournament, even though U-High baseball had not been to state since 1991.

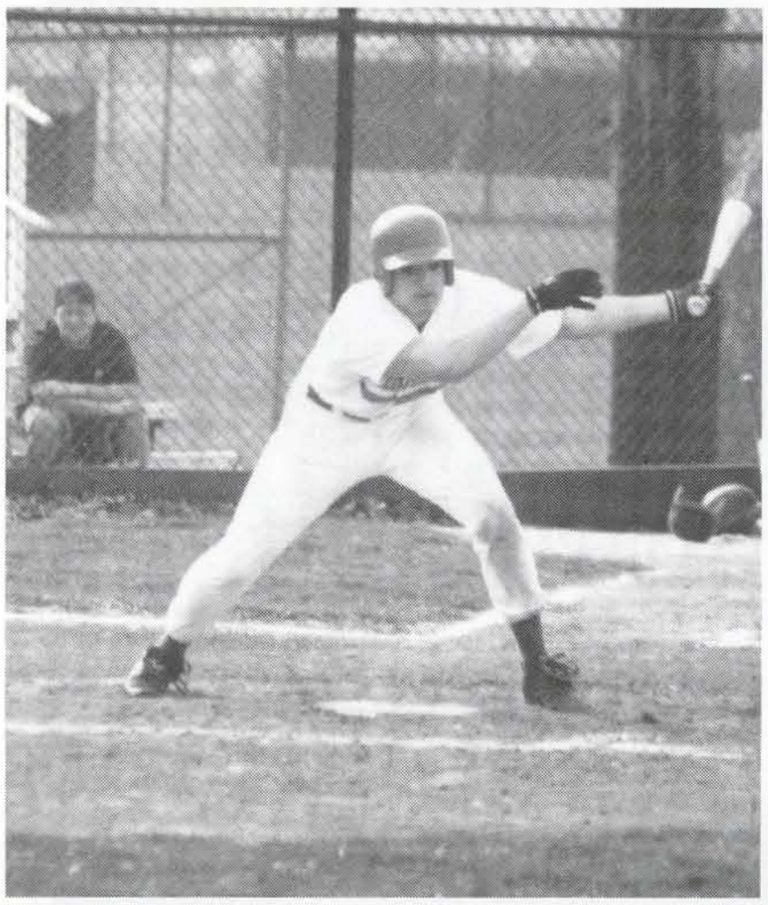
The team was coached again this year by Greg Bee. The assistant coaches were Hal McIntyre, Craig Frey, and Dave Wilert. The team captains were the four seniors Kurt Olson, Todd Mitchell, Gavin Kalley and Eric Schlipf.

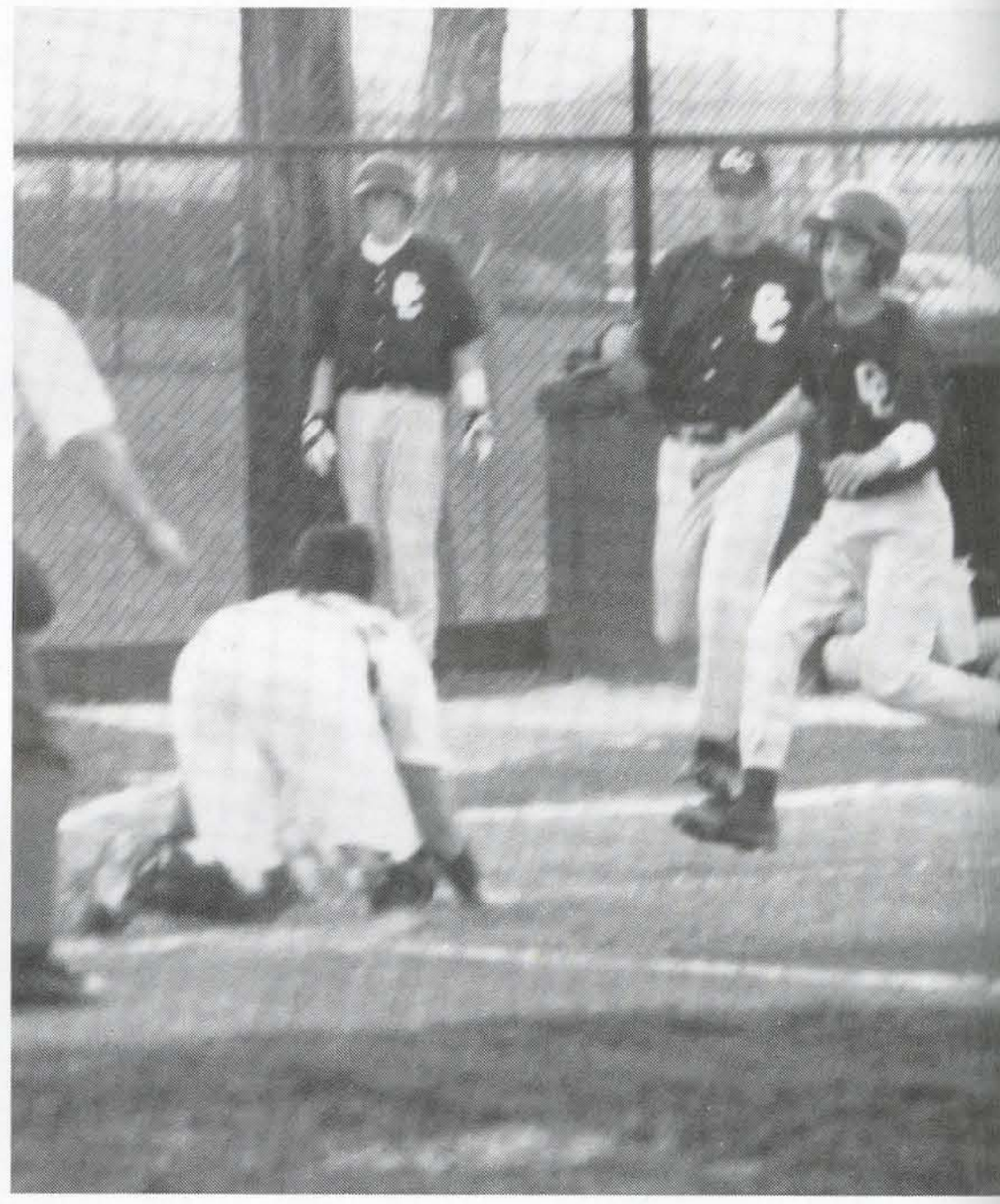
U-High defeated Prairie Central 2-0 in the Regional Championship game. The Pioneers then met up with Kankakee McNamara and PBL in sectional play. U-High's offense pounded out nine runs to defeat Kankakee McNamara in the first game. In the sectional championship, U-High beat PBL with an excellent pitching performance by Martin.

Although U-High beat Beardstown 2-1 in the first game of the State Tournament, the Pioneers lost to Dupo in the semifinals - their fourth game in four days.

The team ended the season better than anyone thought they would - third place in State and first in the Corn Belt Conference.

VARSITY
First Row: Gavin Kalley, Pete Martin, Kyle Hays. Second Row: Ben Knapp, Dan States, Jon Charles, Nick Anderson, Andy Radar. Third Row: Calen Foster, Kurt Olson,Eric Schlipf, Keith Hornbrook, Todd Mitchell, Brad Legner. Fourth Row: Coach Greg Bee, Coach Craig Frye, Coach Hal McIntyre. Not Pictured: Lance McMillian, Eric Spong, Matt Alvey, Jamie Bills, Coach Dave Wilert.

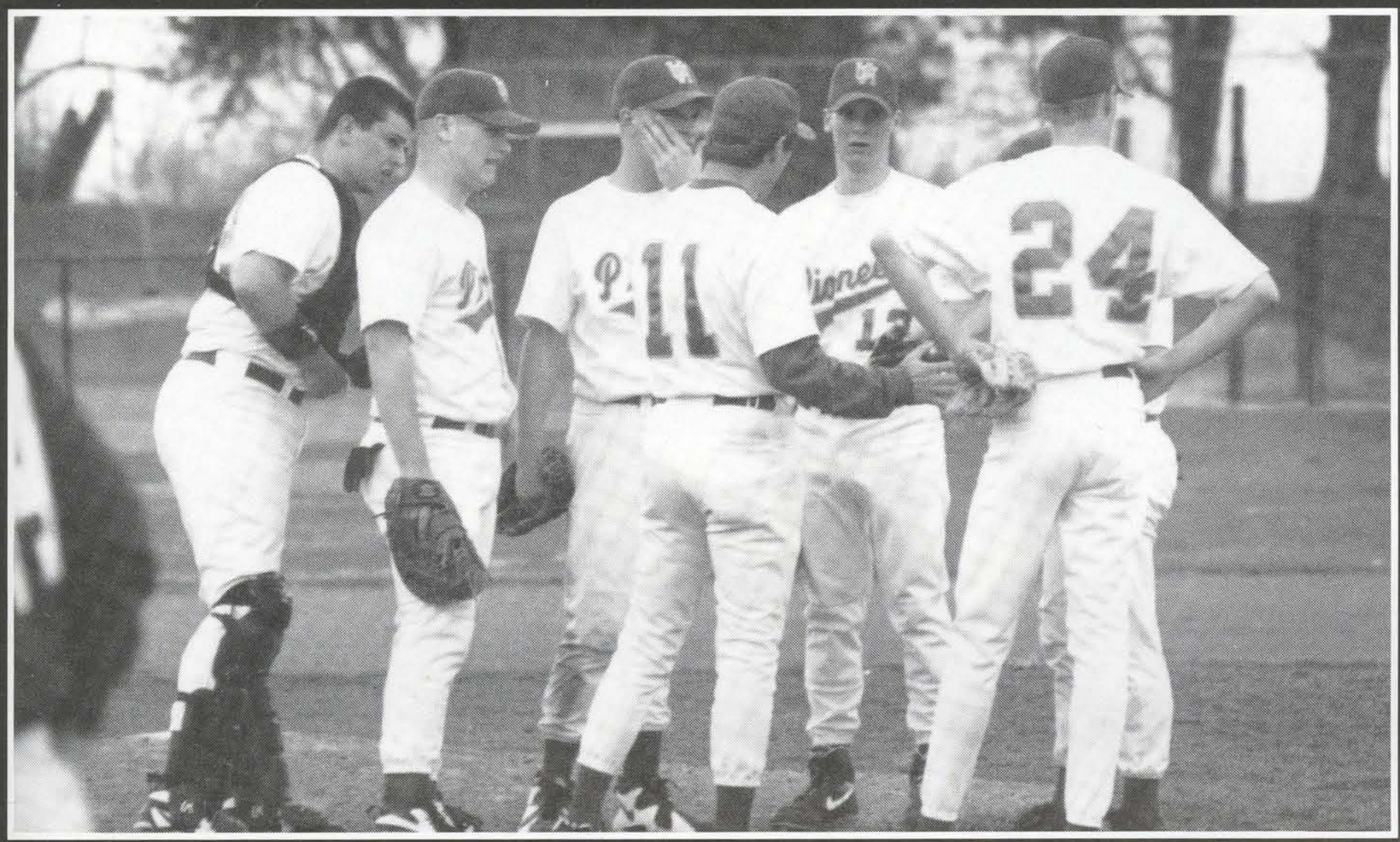


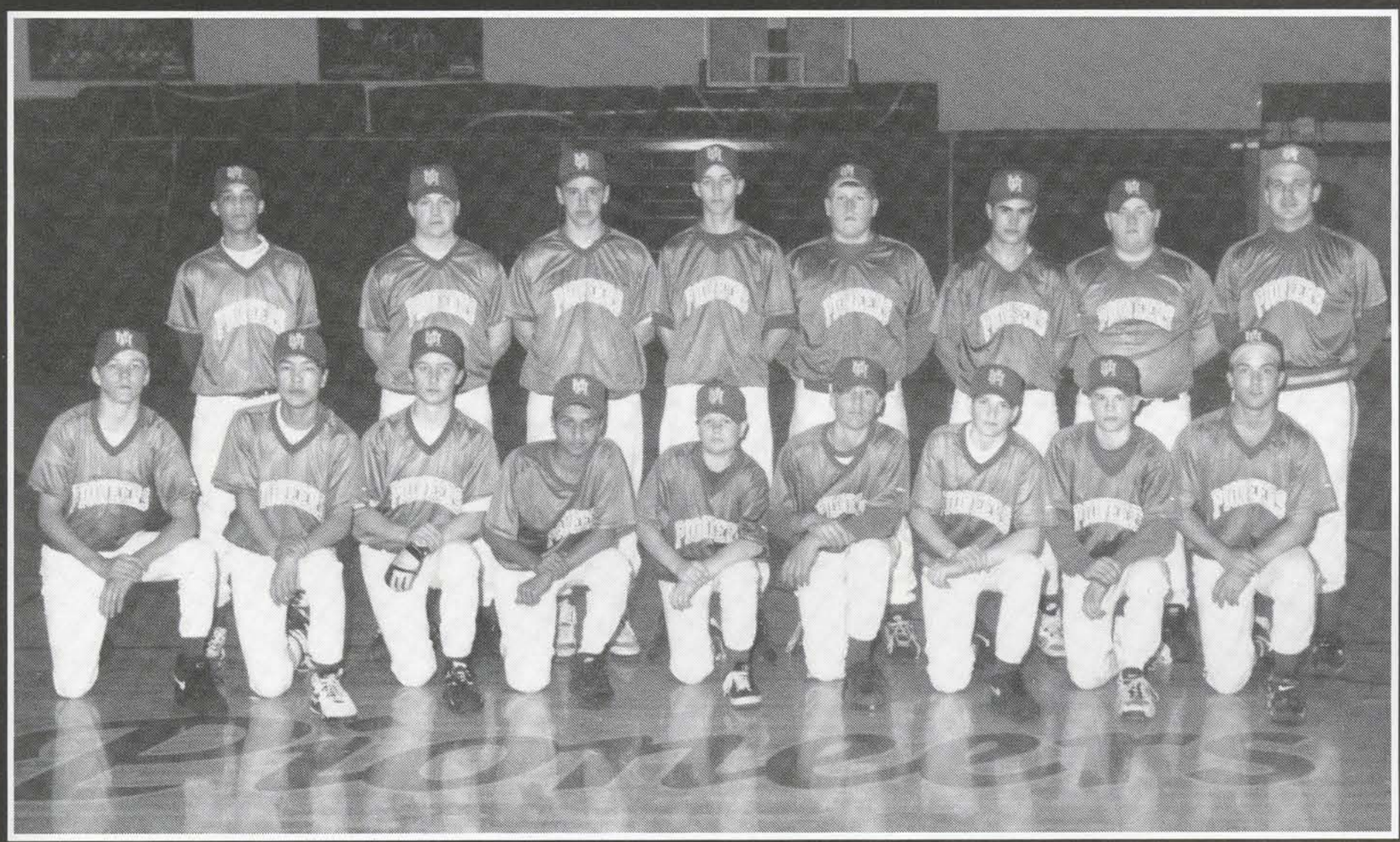


Above: Senior Gavin Kalley shows his stuff as he crushes a hit and starts to run the bases.

Right: Scrambling on all fours for the ball, sophomore Ben Knapp waits to tag the runner out.

Below: The varsity team takes a minute at the pitcher's mound to plan their strategy.





FRESHMEN
First Row: Matt Ritter, Peter Stroyan, Matt Bell, Delsin Padavil, Mark Hendrichs, Todd Witherow, Jon Berry, Shawn Hayes, Coach Jason Arseneau. Second Row: Jason Rainey, Andy Maxwell, Bake Knappp, Nick Roedinger, Ryan Felkamp, E.J. Kelley, Brad Nichols, Coach Tom Lane.

## Scoreboard

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|---|---|
| Clifton Central | W |
| Clifton Central | W |
| Roanoke Benson | W |
| Blue Ridge | W |
| Bloomington | L |
| Metamora | L |
| Metamora | L |
| Normal West | W |
| Normal Community | W |
| Central Catholic | W |
| Clinton | L |
| Clinton | W |
| Mahomet Seymour | W |
| Maroa Forsyh | W |
| Olympia | W |
| Petersburg Porta | L |
| Petersburg Porta | L |
| Pontiac | W |
| Prairie Central | W |
| Bloomington | L |
| Prairie Central | L |
| Olympia | W |
| Normal | L |
| Peru (St. Bede) | W |
| Metamora | L |
| Mahomet | W |
| Pontiac | W |
| Central Catholic | W |

REGIONALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Leroy | W |
| El Paso | W |
| Prarie Central | W |

SECTIONALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Kankakee McNamara | W |
| PBL | W |

STATE

| | |
|---|---|
| Beardstown | W |
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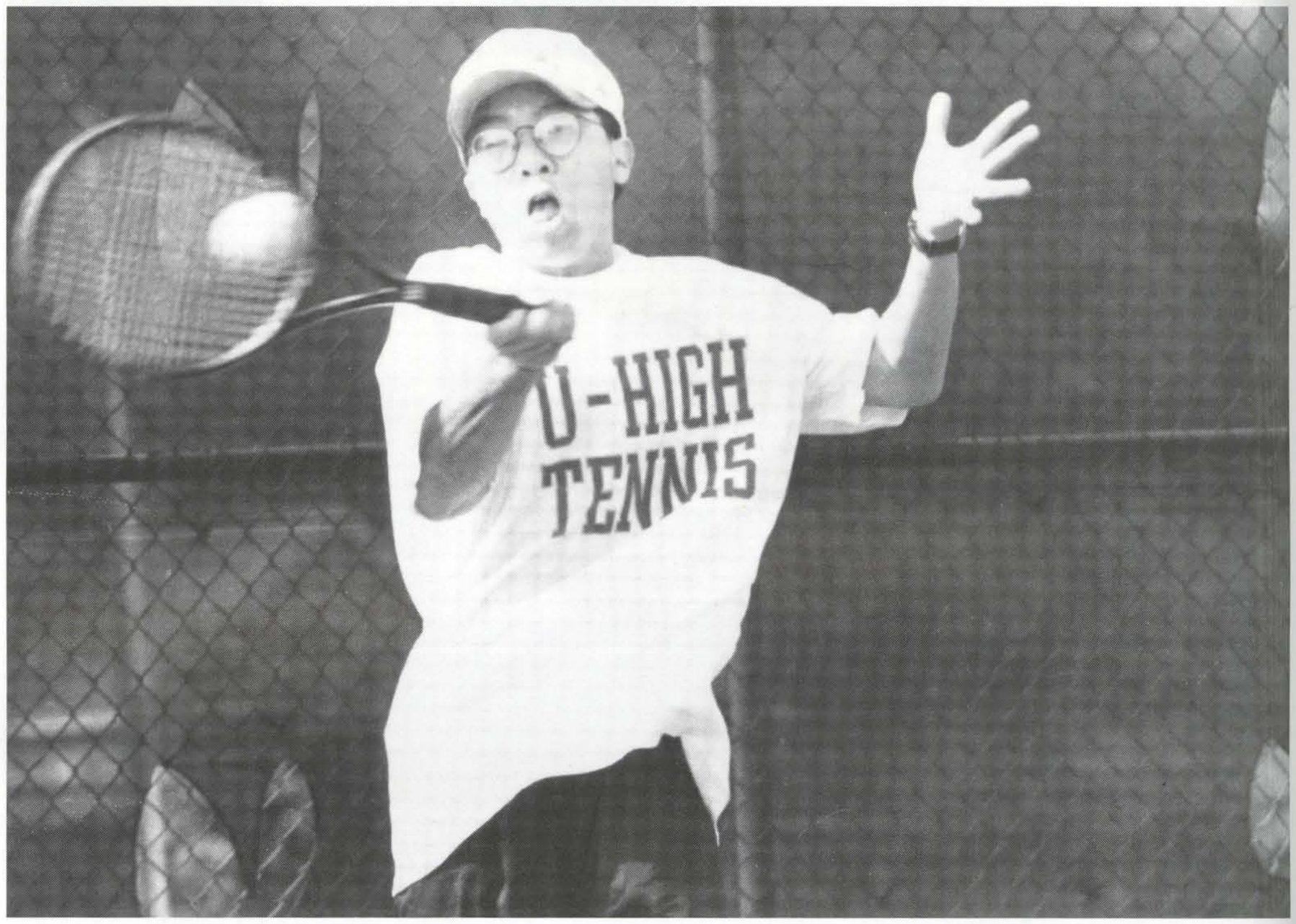
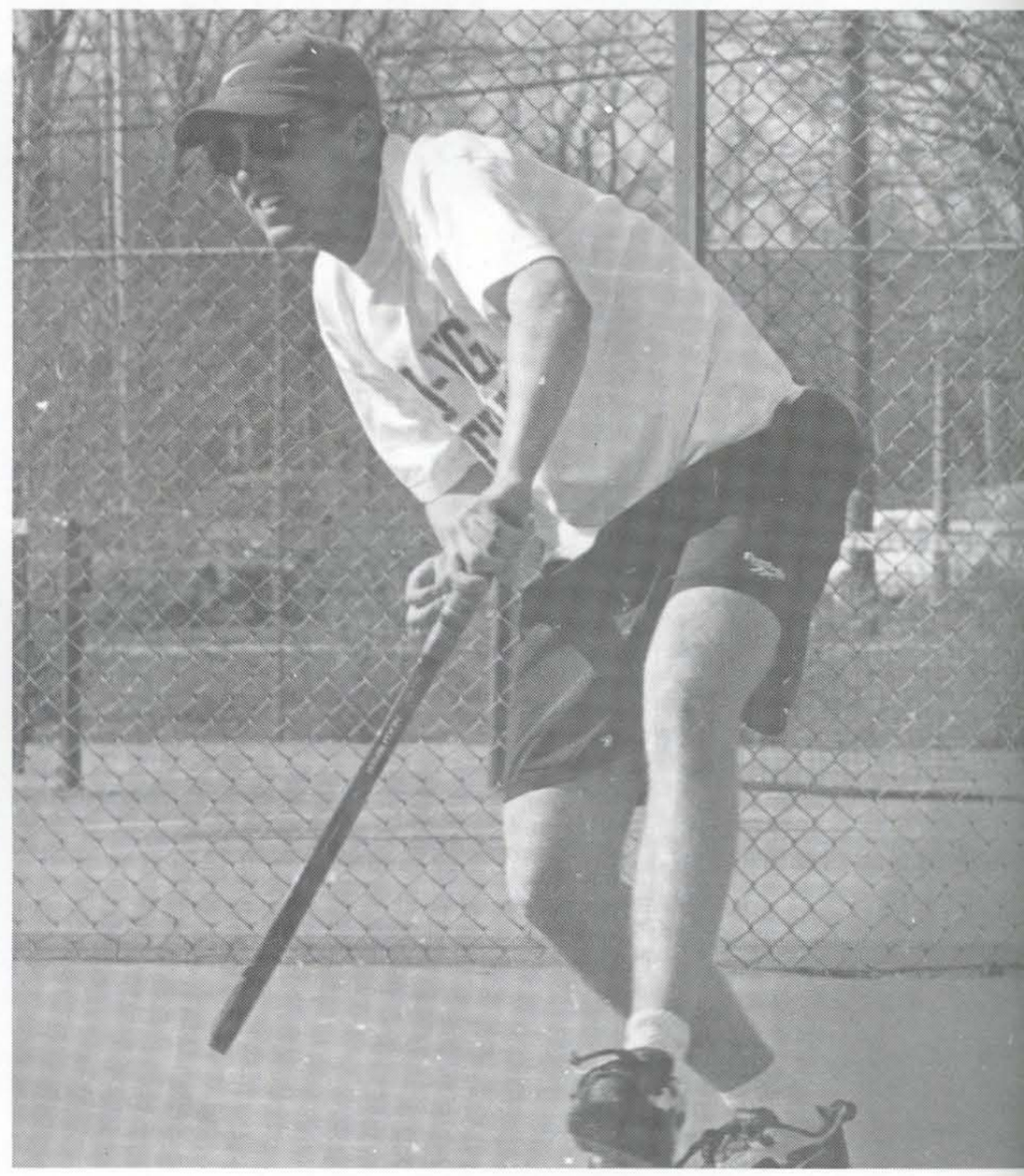
# Start Serving

This year's University High School boys tennis team started out with a bang. The team went undefeated. With the absence of last year's Coach Froelich, the team was now under the direction of Matt Reynolds. Seniors Brian Diemer and Will Li led the team to sectionals where they placed fourth among the doubles teams and placed at State. Senior David Stark and sophomore Jim Salle tried for fifth scede in sectionals, along with senior Numan Ahmed, who played singles. However, all three failed to acheive their common goal of victory.

Below: Senior Will Li attemps to return a serve to his opponet. Li was a part of the doubles team along with fellow senior Brian Diemer. Together they placed at State.

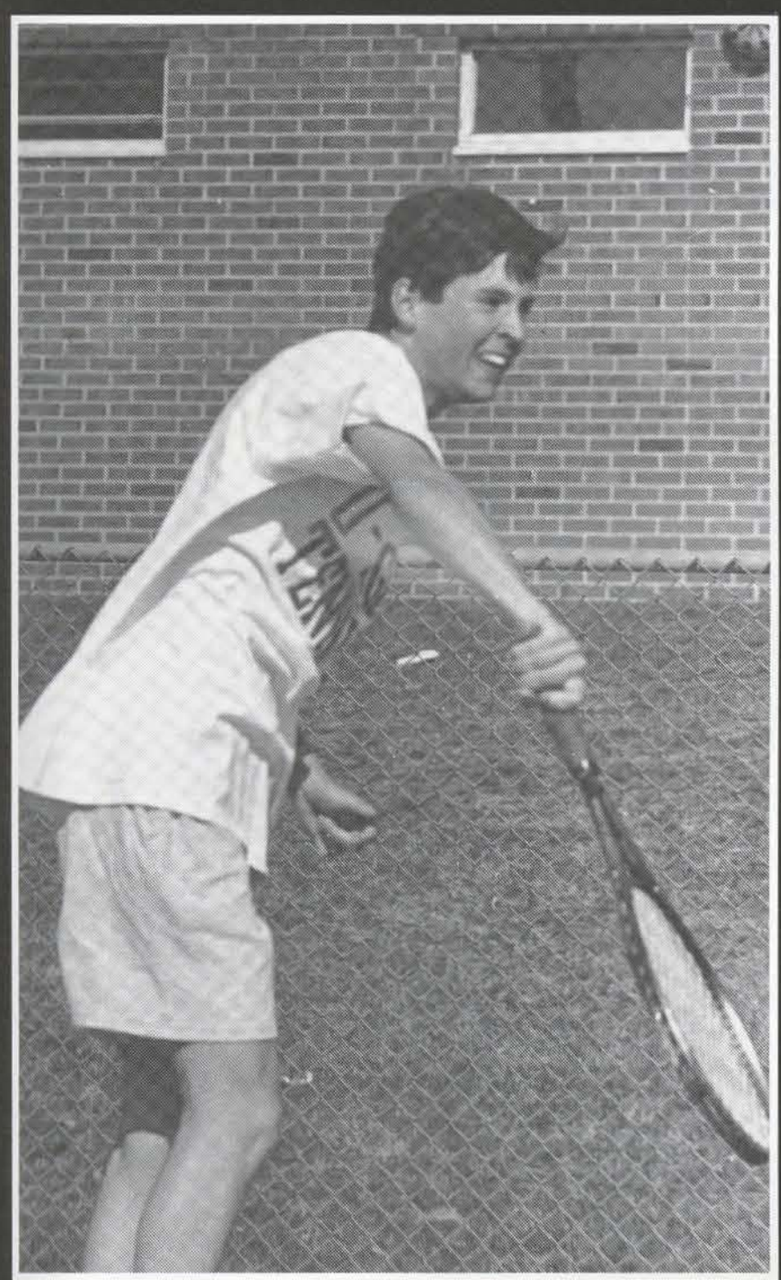


Above: Senior Brian Diemer waits in his defensive stance as he prepares for an on-coming ball. Diemer placed second in State with partner Will Li.

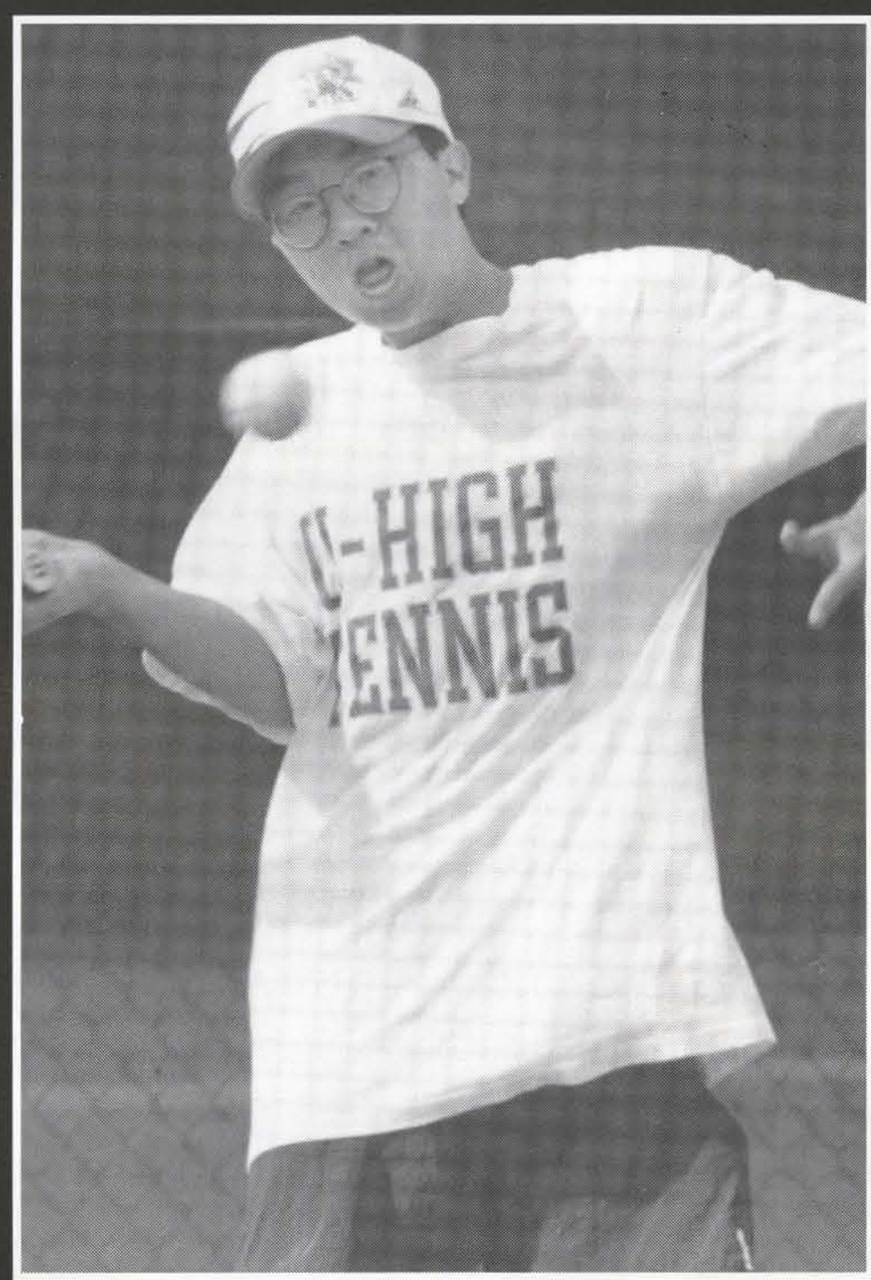


Right: Senior Dave Stark goes down to save a tennis ball. Stark played singles and tried to make sectionals, though unsuccessfully.

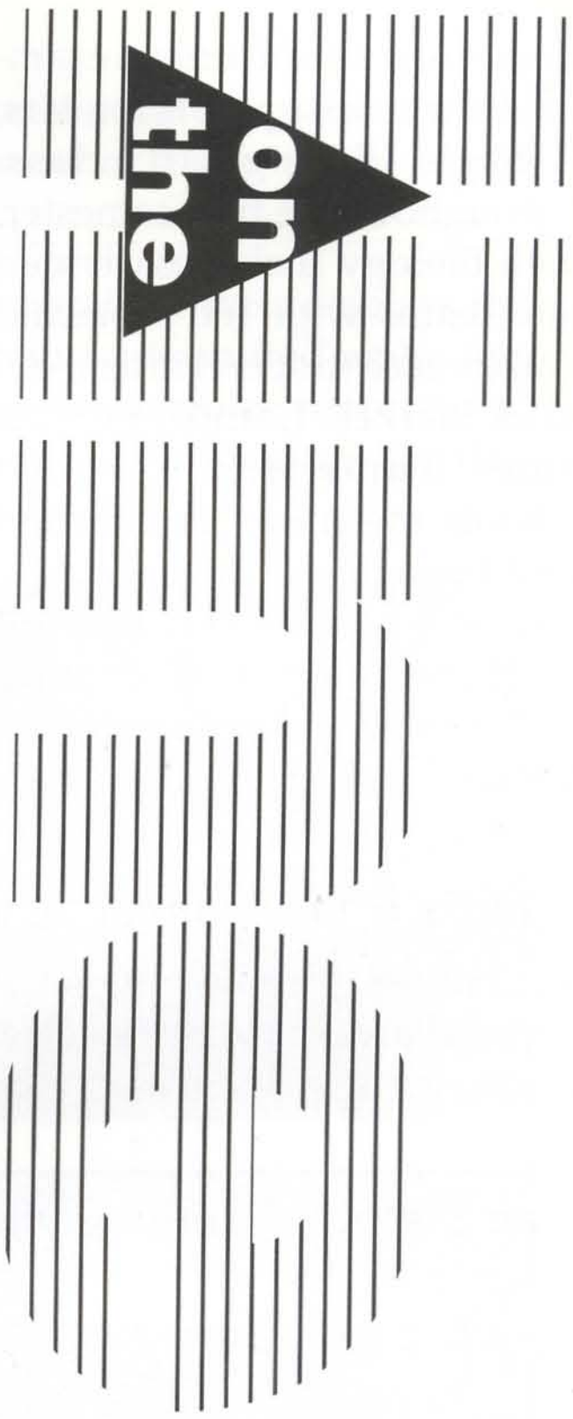
BOYS TENNIS
First Row: David Phillips, Reginald Warner, Erik Decker, Nate Romance, David Stark, Ryan Hosch, Marty Deutch, Coach Matt Reynolds. Second Row: John Choi, Johathan Schuyler, Brian Diemer, Numan Ahmed, Jim Sallee, Matt Etcheson, Matt Snyder. Third Row: Paul Peng, Jeff Myers, Greg Stevens, Will Li, Mark Campbell, Kong Wei.

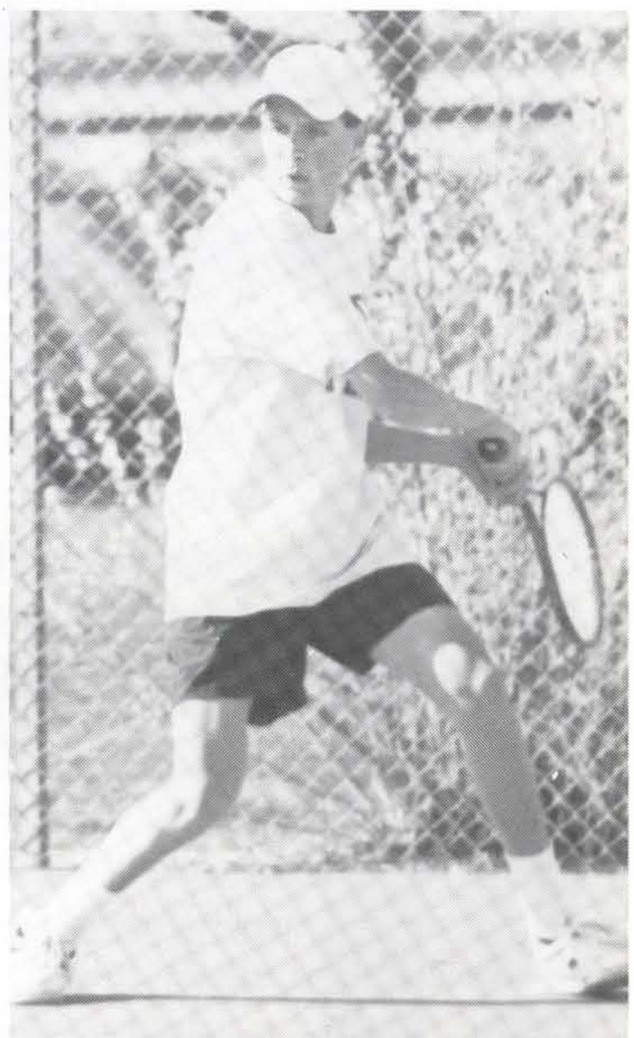


Above: Senior Brian Diemer slams back the return toward an awaiting opponent. Diemer was a valued player along with many of his fellow team mates.




Above: Senior Will Li studies the ball intensely before thrashing it back to the other side of the net.



Above: Senior Brian Diemer reaches way back in order to save an oncoming tennis ball. Diemer was partners with senior Will Li in doubles competion.

**Scoreboard Not Avalible**

Right: A group of juniors examine their stock options for Mrs. Grogg's Biology II class. Throughout the first semester, both Biology II classes divided into teams with 100 thousand dollars each to spend in a model stock market. Competing with other teams from regional schools, the groups bought and sold biology stock every week. The group who ended up with the highest amount of earnings each week won. The purpose of the project was to see the results of the stock market and how technology affects the value of specific items. "The project was fun and competitive," said junior John Kim. "We played to win!"

# U-High Academics

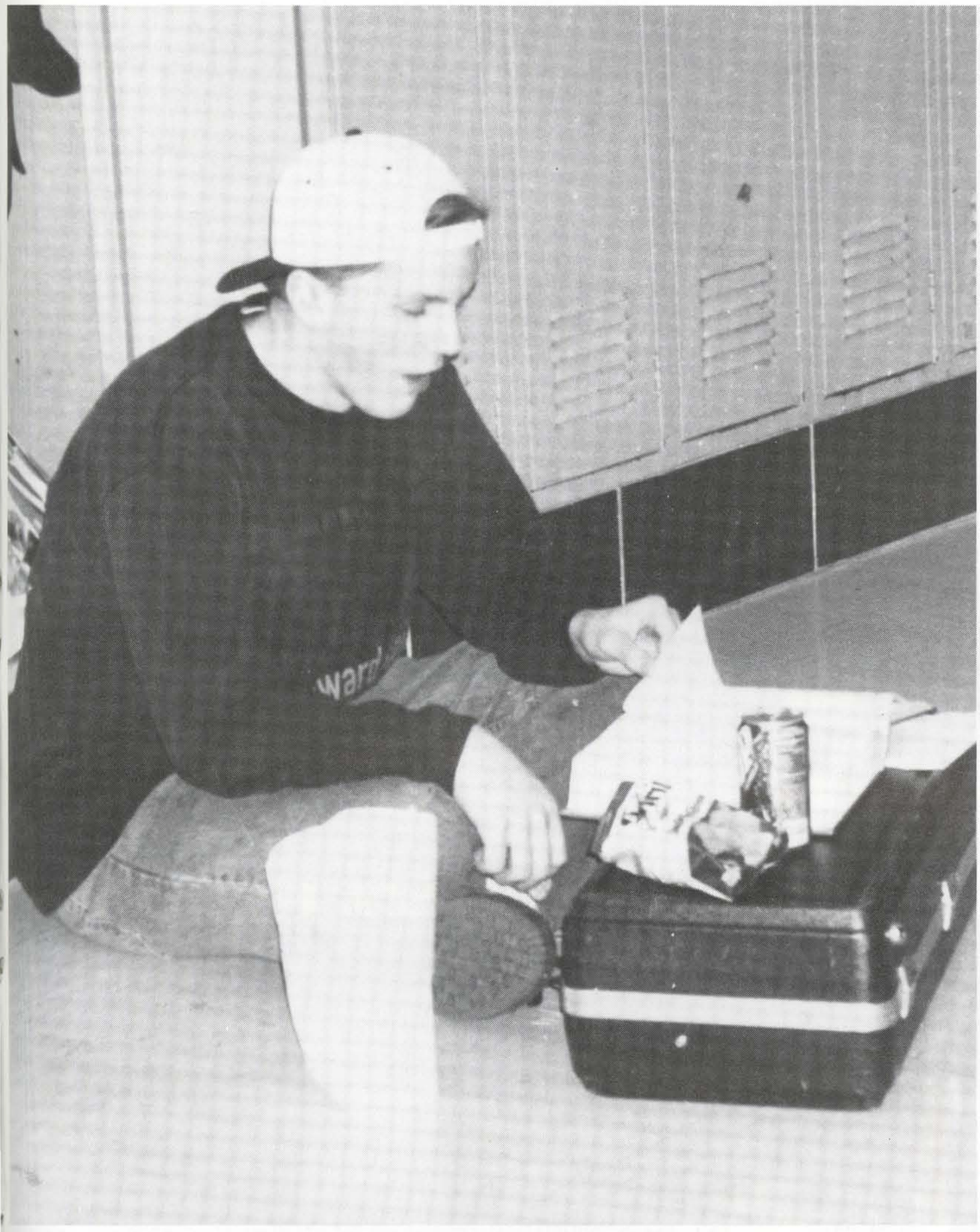
## This year started off on a creative kick.

### English Literature

Among the many exciting activities that Mrs. Clesson had in store for her English Literature classes was the "Resident Expert" project. Working in partners, the diligent literature students had to give a 10 to 12 minute presentation describing some of the more interesting aspects of Medieval life. The topics ranged from architecture and mideival fashion to warfare and torture. "It was really interesting to see the different presentations but it was nerve-wracking to give your own," commented senior Adam Milligan. "It was very hard to come up with 12 minutes of interesting material."

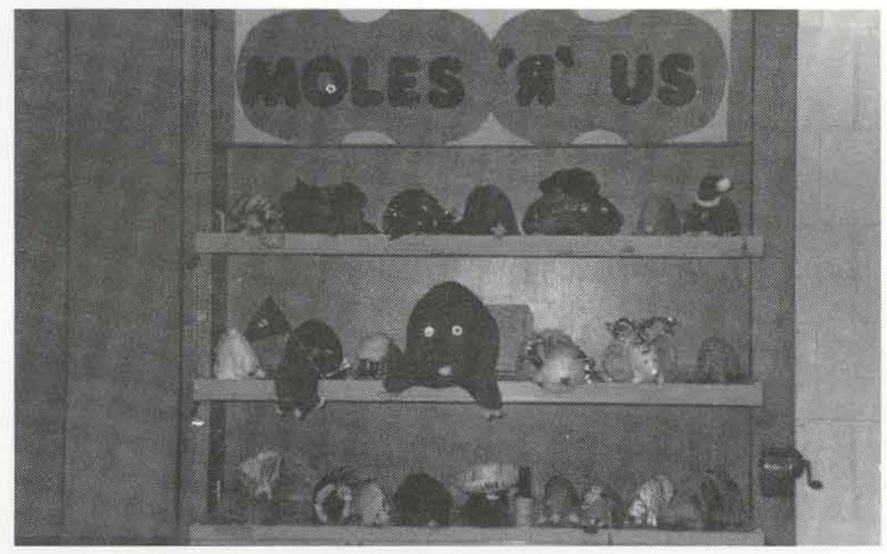
### Psychology

According to Mrs. Lewis, the purpose of her psychology class is "to develop [in her students] an ongoing curiosity and awareness of the issues that are going on around kids today." One of the activities that Mrs. Lewis does to keep in tune with her goal is to visit the Lincoln Developmental Center and the Logan Correctional Center. "I want to give my students a firsthand glimpse at the psychological and sociological concepts as they occur in real life. My kids witness in real life things that they otherwise could only read in a book." The field trip was truly an enlightening experience.



Left: Too cool for the library, senior Chris Felkamp studies away at his own make-shift office.

Below: Mrs. Ives' chemistry class displays its creativity by designing cute stuffed moles for extra credit. The stuffed moles represent a chemistry mole, which is a measure for the molecular weight of substances.

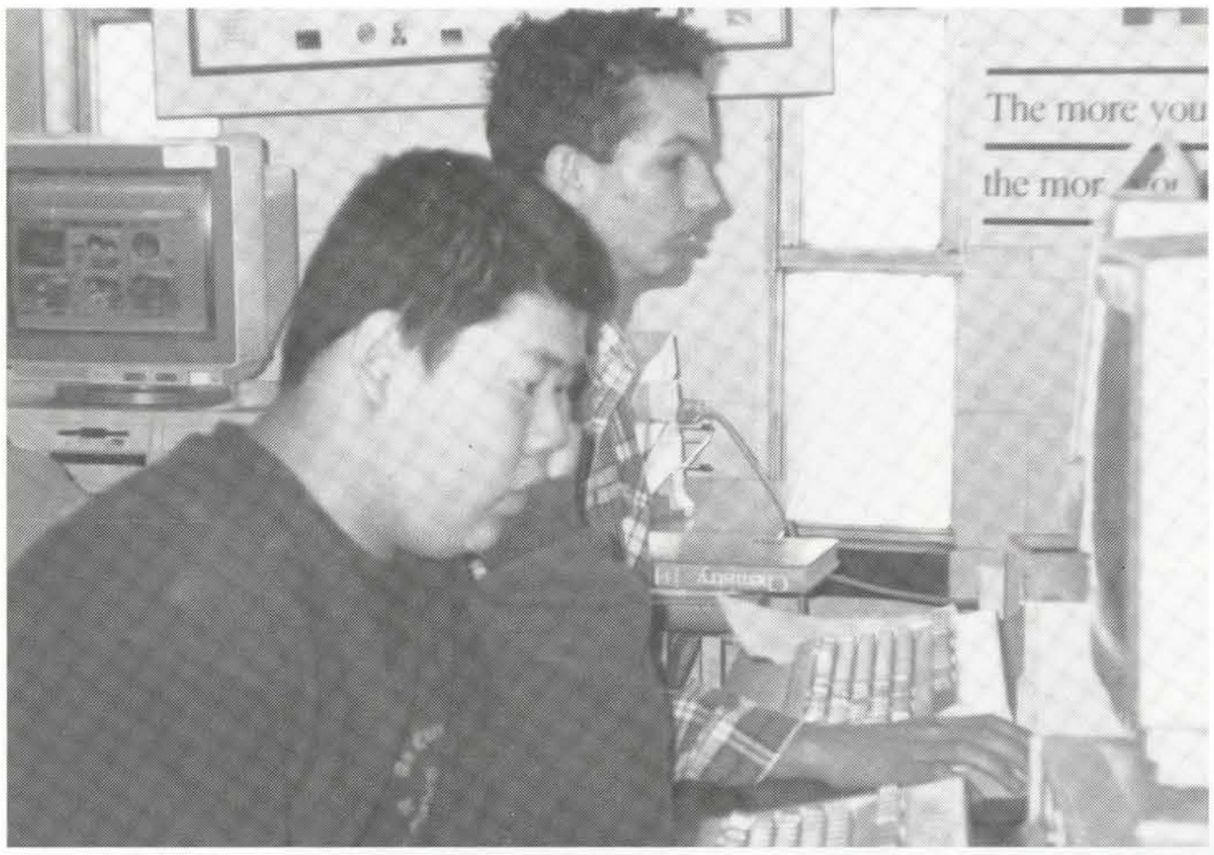


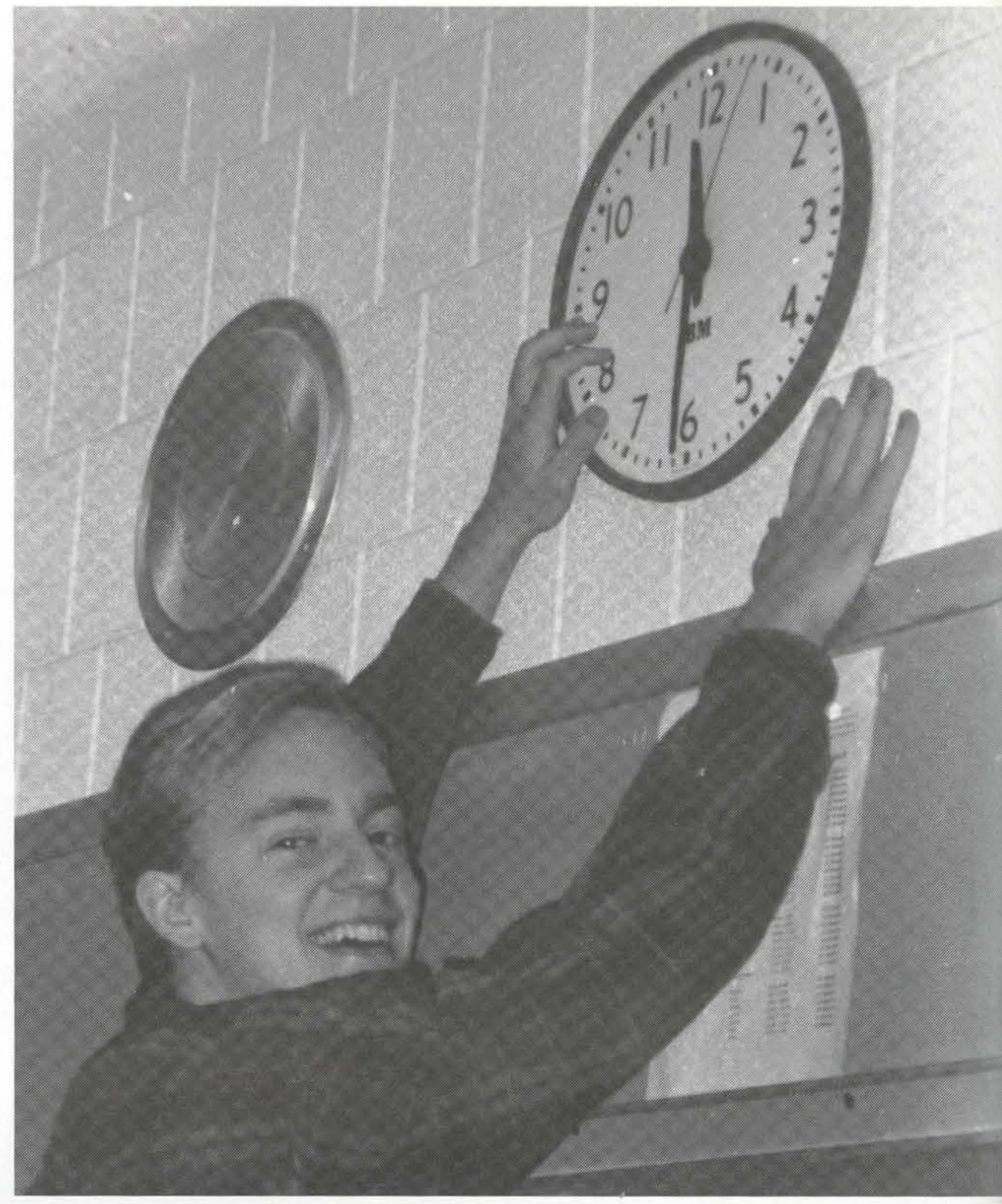
Above: Senior Gavin Kalley serenades Mr. Kelly's U.S. Government class during a practice run of a publicity video featuring the Students Rights Coalition. The Coalition, also known as SRC, was a class activity designed to teach students about the U.S. Senate and the lobbying process. The 8 o'clock class could often be seen lobbying U-High senate members about such issues as student control of Class Night and censorship.

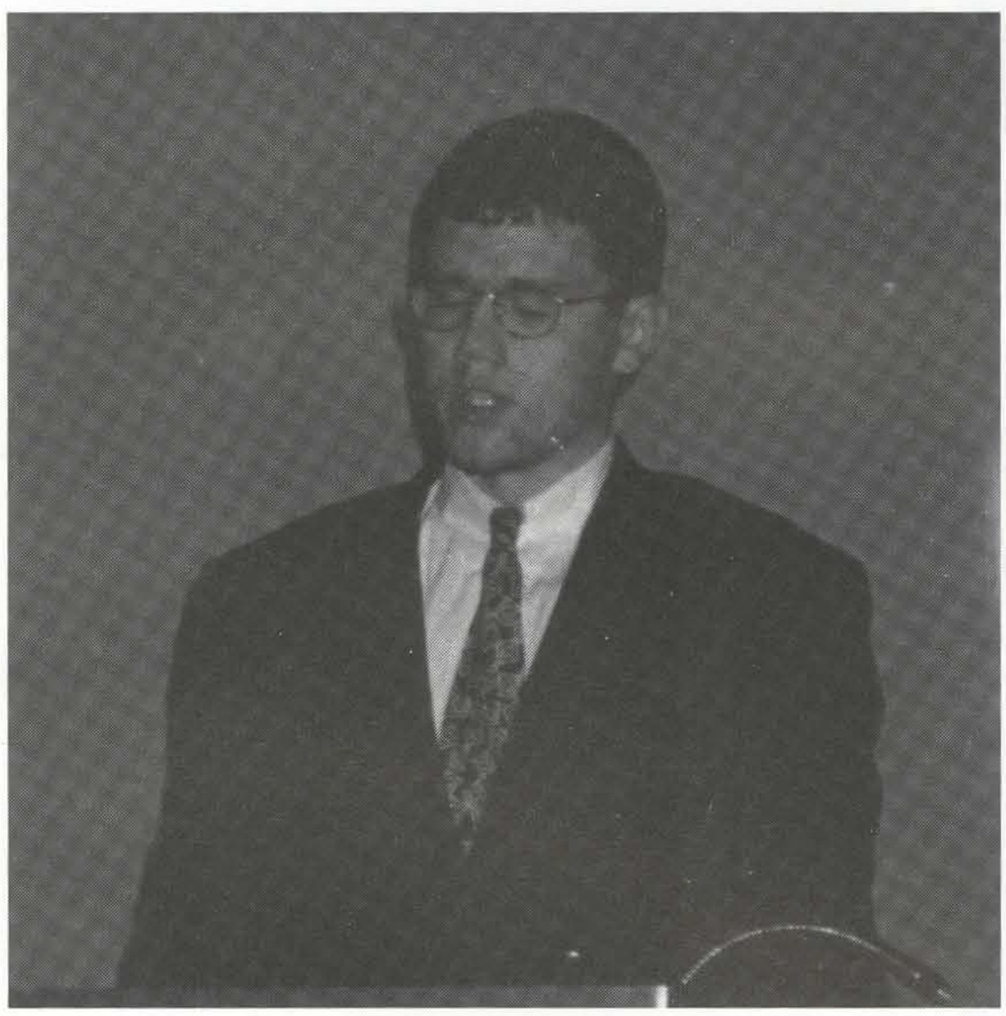
Left: Sophomore Lacey Shirk presents her scrumptious plate of spritz cookies for Mrs. Smith's World History class. The Food Fair project involved each student's culinary skills. Everyone had to create a dish from another country, describe its origin, then share it with the entire class. "It was great," said sophomore Brian Wilson. "Even though nobody ate my kolachi."

Below: Freshman Kong Wei and sophomore Tony Meizelis use their free hour to surf the 'Net. Selected computers in the U-High library had Internet capabilities. This proved to be a great advantage to students who needed to do research or wanted find topics of personal interest.

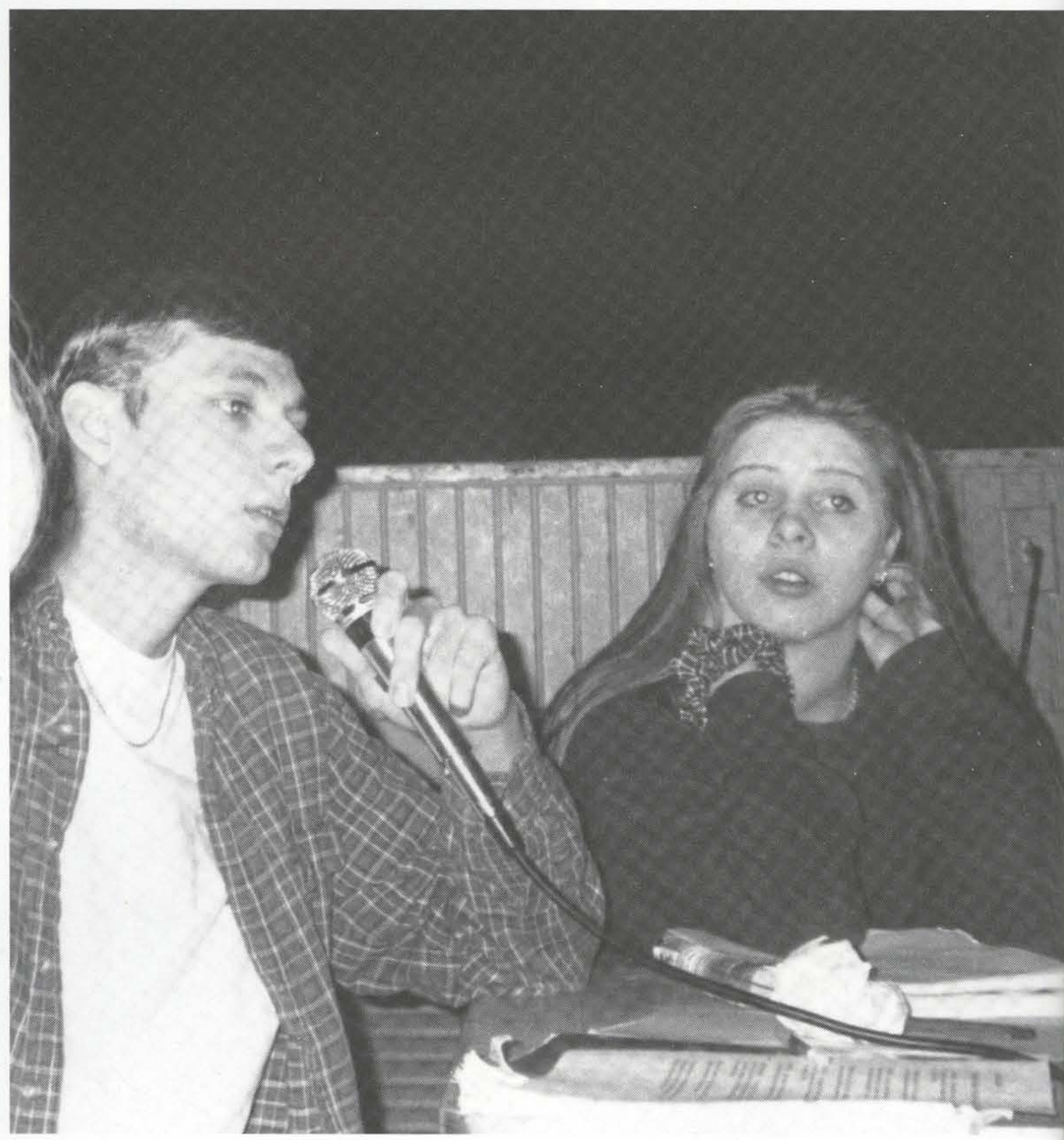
Right: Senior Tom Kirkwood, displaying a symptom of senioritis, attempts to speed up his math class by moving the hands of the clock forward. The lack of bells and clocks telling the correct time made it possible for Kirkwood to fool his teacher and get out of class five minutes early.



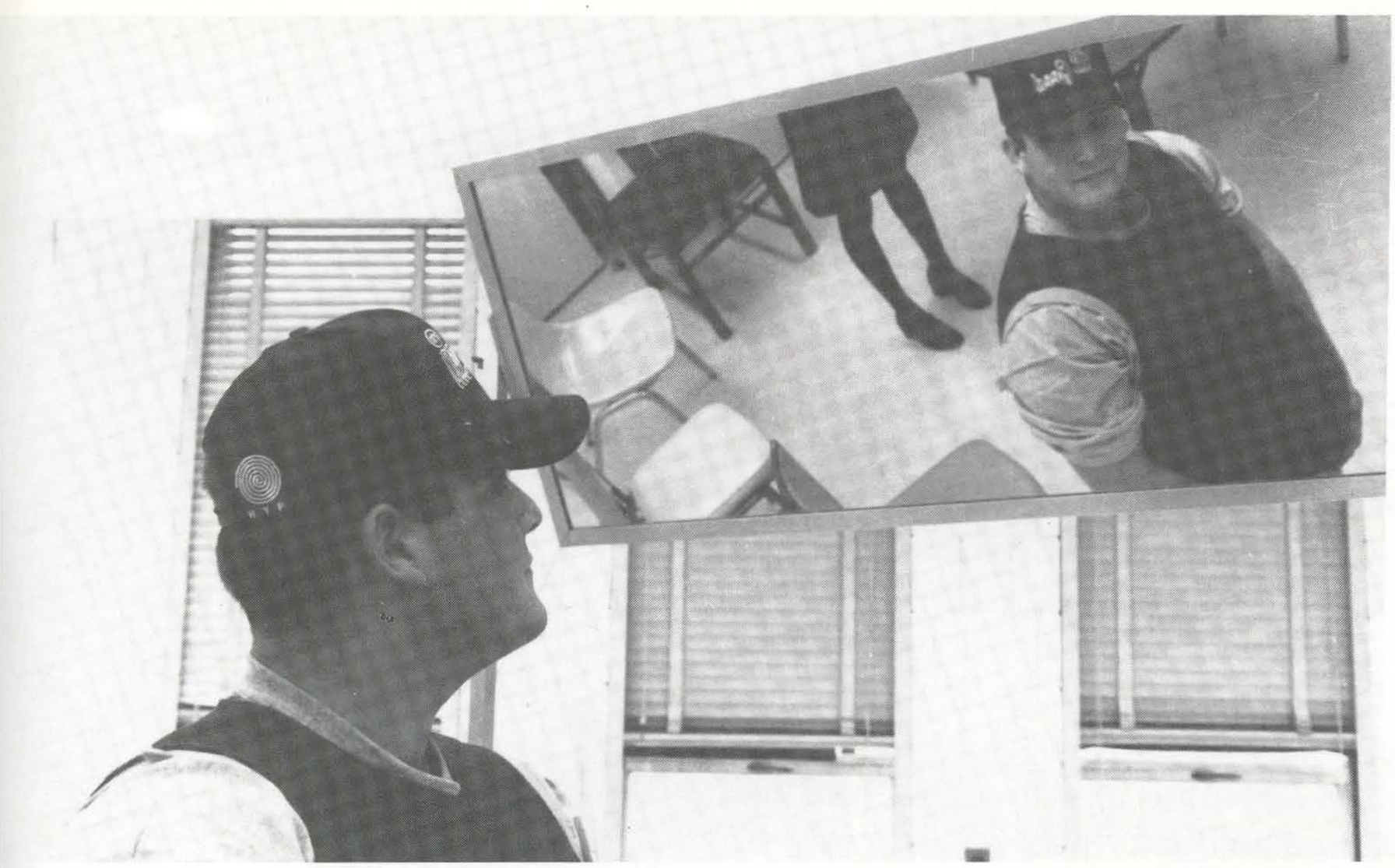





Above: Senior Andy Matthews reads his first place winning essay at a meeting of the Optimist Club in Normal. The prompt, "Freedom: Right or Privilege?" was responded to by the members of the senior AP Language/Composition class.



Right: Senior Lucas Schwarzrock gives a speech during the model United Nations while senior Cornelia Kimm listens. The International Relations class represented the Security Council and FIRST students were other nations. The model U.N. debated what action should be taken in Bosnia.



Left: Senior Adam Nord looks in a mirror to see what it would be like to be pregnant. Students in the parenting class at U-High got the chance to try on the "empathy belly." The device was designed to simulate pregnancy and increase awareness about teen pregnancy. Parenting is offered as a one-semseter course at U-High. It was designed to "help students think through the responsibilities, satisfactions and stresses of parenthood." One of the most popular activities of the semester was caring for "flour babies," sacks of flour that the students had to treat as real babies.

# Learning for the Future

## Advanced classes offer specialized learning

**AP European History**

Advanced Placement European History is offered every other year. This year, eleven students elected to take the class. According to Mrs. Smith, the curriculum of A.P. Euro was designed to analyze social, economic and political trends and their effects in European history. Students also had the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the advanced placement exam at the end of the year. One of the year's highlights was a field trip to Topeka, Kansas. The class visited and exhibit featuring artifacts from the Romanov Dynasty. A Faberge egg and a crown from Peter the Great were included in the exhibit.

**AP Art**

Ten students took Advanced Placement Art this year. Students had to have a recommendation and two previous semesters of art to enroll in the class. What made AP Art different was individual freedom. During the 1995-1996 school year, AP Art was offered as an independent study. The focus of the year was putting together a portfolio. AP Art students chose one area of concentration, either a specific medium or subject matter. Students had the opportunity to earn college credit for submitting a portfolio of at least 40 pieces. AP Art gave students a chance to work independently on what they wanted to do.

# Shaping the Future of U-High

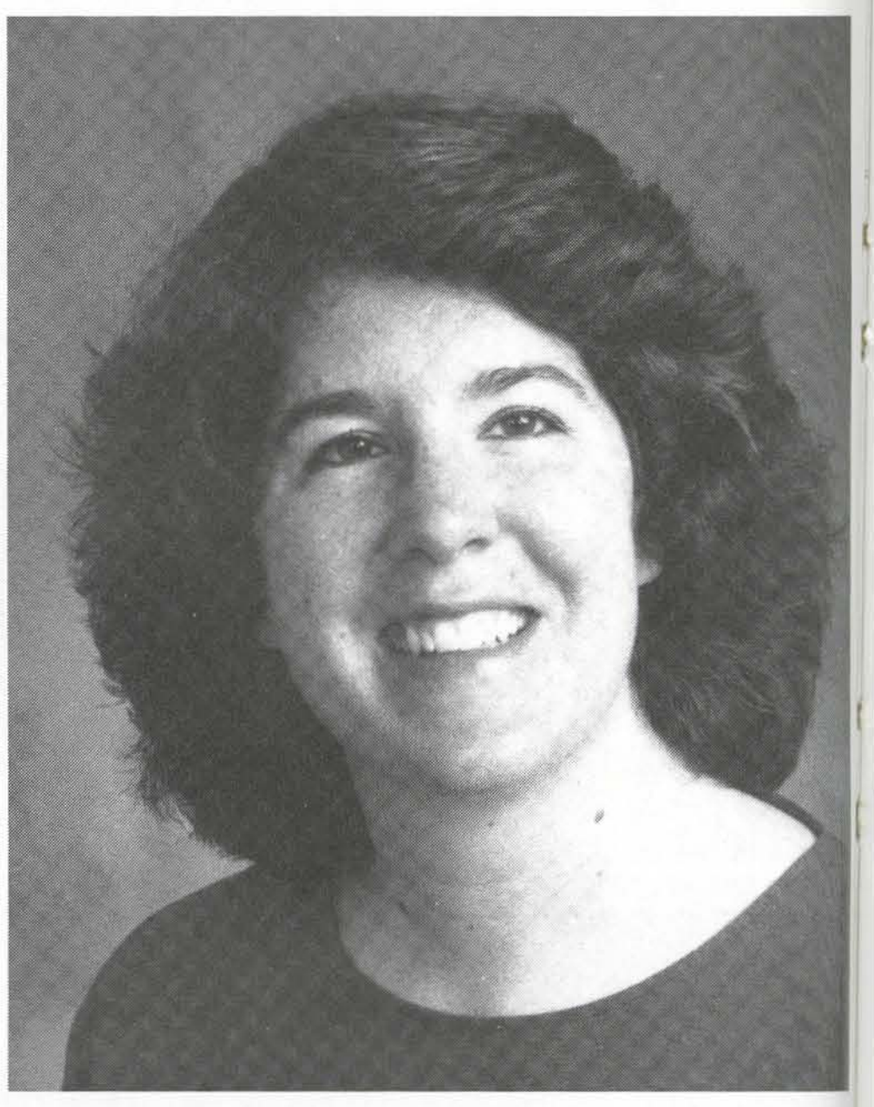
Sometimes the present looks a lot like the past. In keeping with that notion, the U-High faculty and staff continued to follow the trend of change that started in recent years.

With the loss of some experienced faculty members, many new faces were added. At the top of this list stands new principal Dr. Maria Coolican, who replaced interim principal Dr. Dennis Johnson.

Among the tremendous amount of new faculty this year are: Mr. Baldwin, a new FIRST teacher and new director of U-High's theatre program; Mrs. Brenner-Mitchell,sophomore writing teacher and speech coach; Mrs. Tatum, the new home economics teacher; Mr. Petty, who took up one of the chemistry posts; Mr. Jones, Algebra teacher and member of the football and track coaching staffs; Mrs. Smith, volleyball and track team coaching staff member and new Driver's Ed teacher; Ms. Johnson, who filled the band and orchestra teaching positions; and Mr. Smith as a new P.E. teacher and new head wrestling and assistant football coach.

In addition to all the new faces, a familiar one reappeared. Mrs. Grogg returned to U-High from Washington D.C. to resume teaching.

The new faculty brought a few adjustments and new enthusiasm to the year.



Above: Our new principal, Dr.Maria Coolican.

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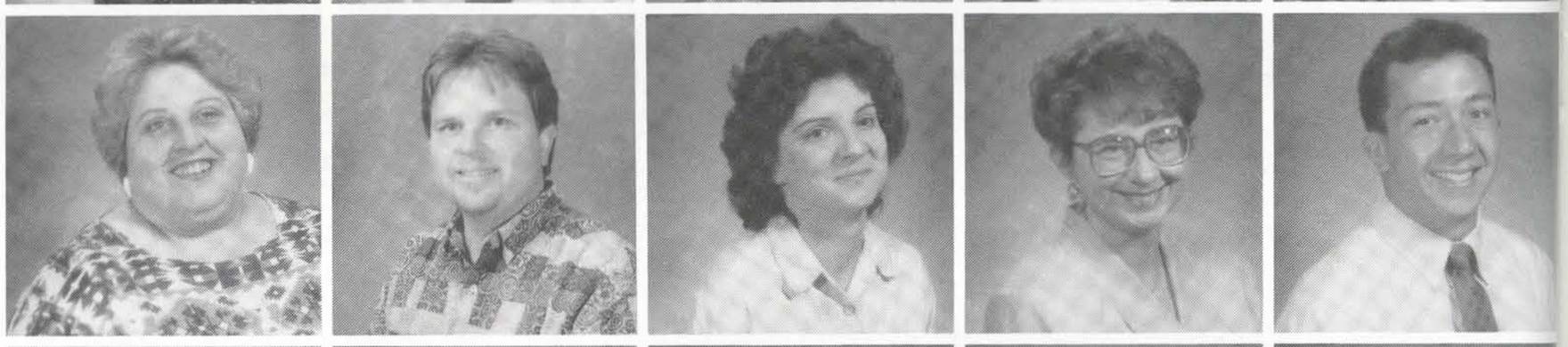

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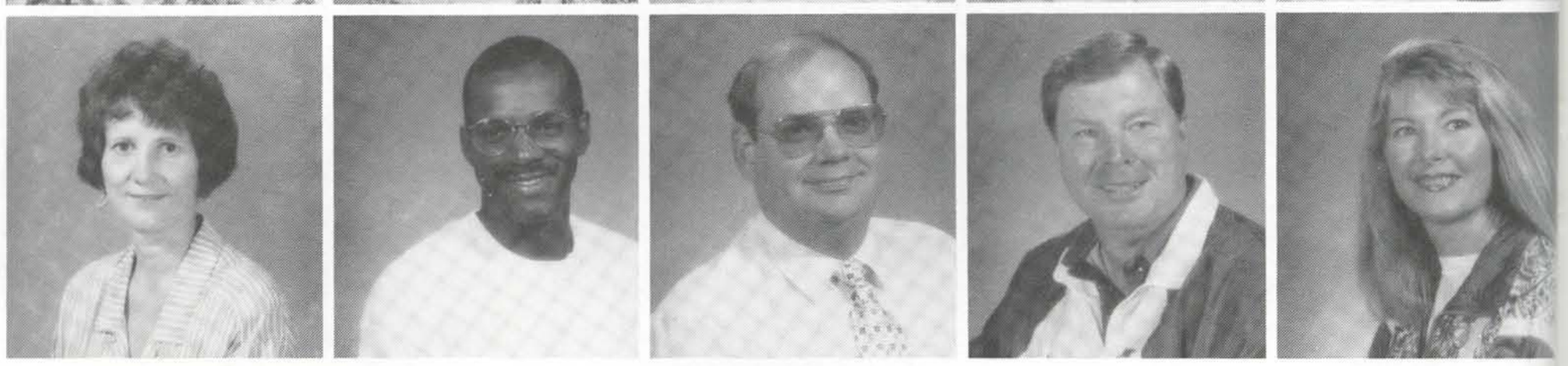

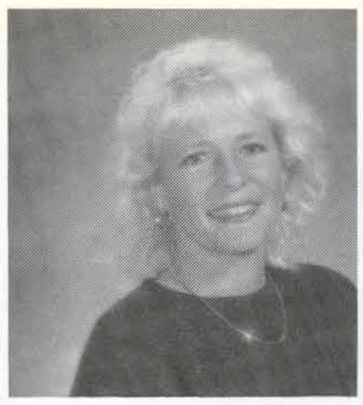
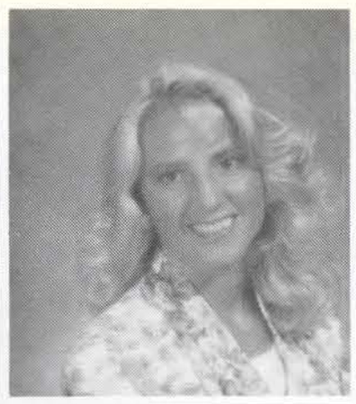
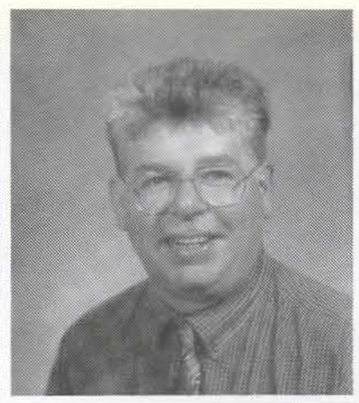
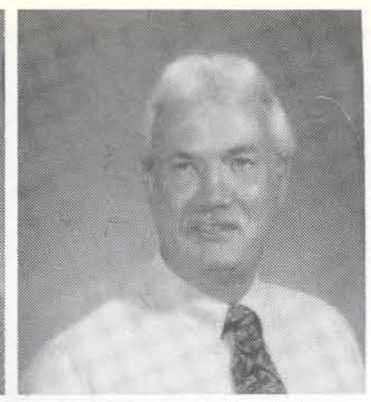

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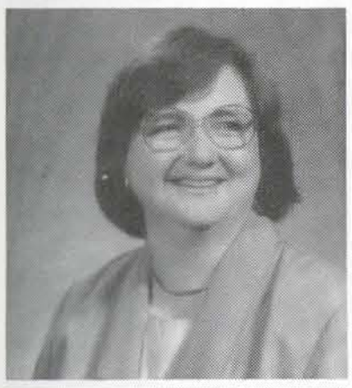
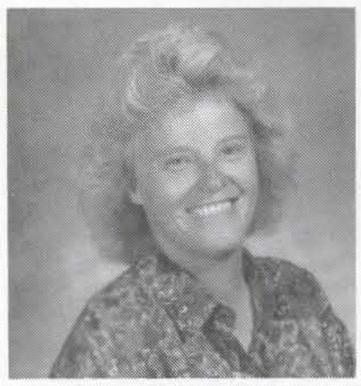
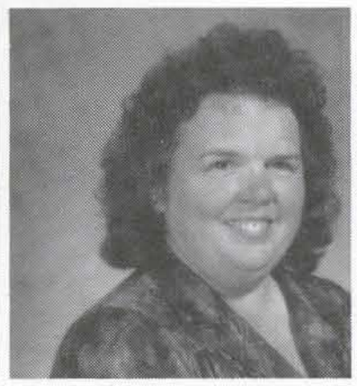

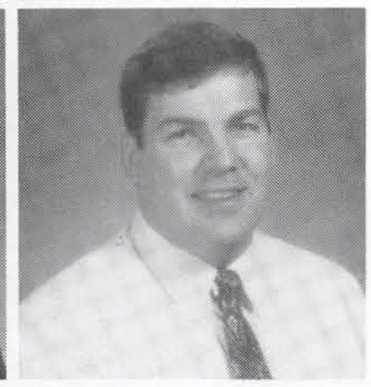

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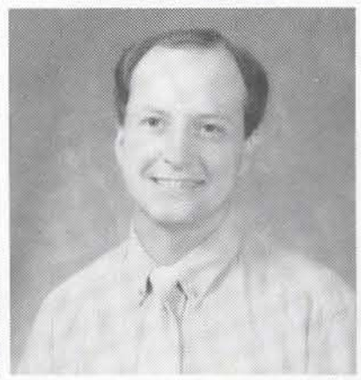

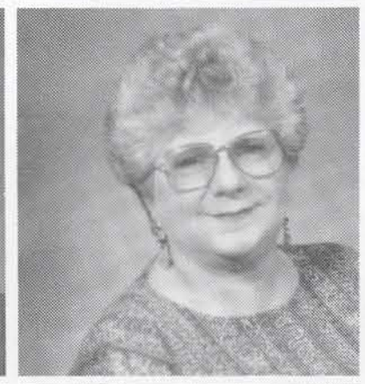
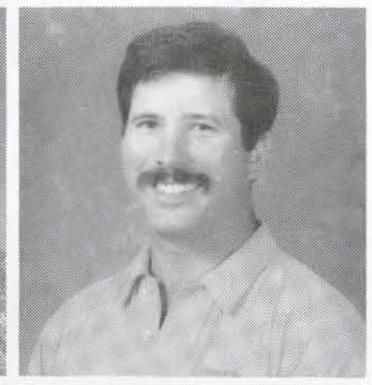

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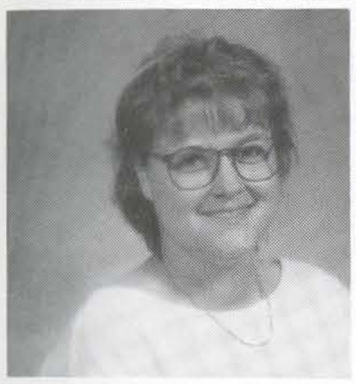
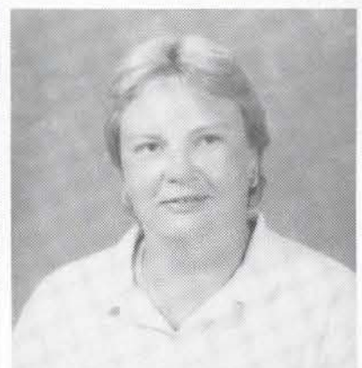
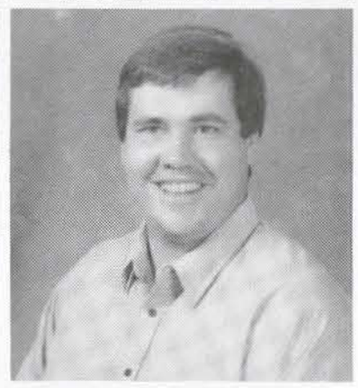

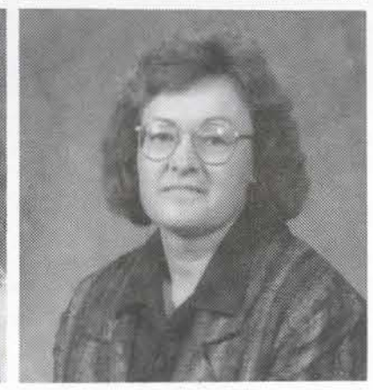

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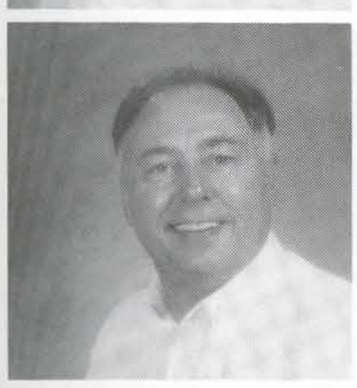
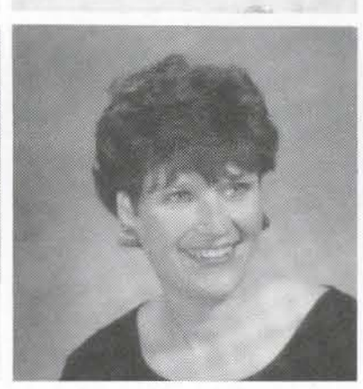
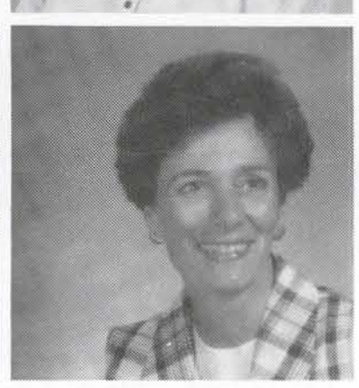

Mike Virlee
Diane Walker
Mary Witherow

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John Boyd
Mary Ann Boyd
Maureen Brenner-Mitchell
Sandra Brown
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Deb Christner
Maria Coolican
Mark Cooper
Doris Cropp
Robert Dean
Bill Ducett
Marc Feaster
Charles Gault
Bev Gramm
J.D. Hawkins
Mike Henning
Nancy Isaacson
Amy Johnson
Damon Jones
Martha Kiser
Trisha Klass
Karen Kuniyoshi
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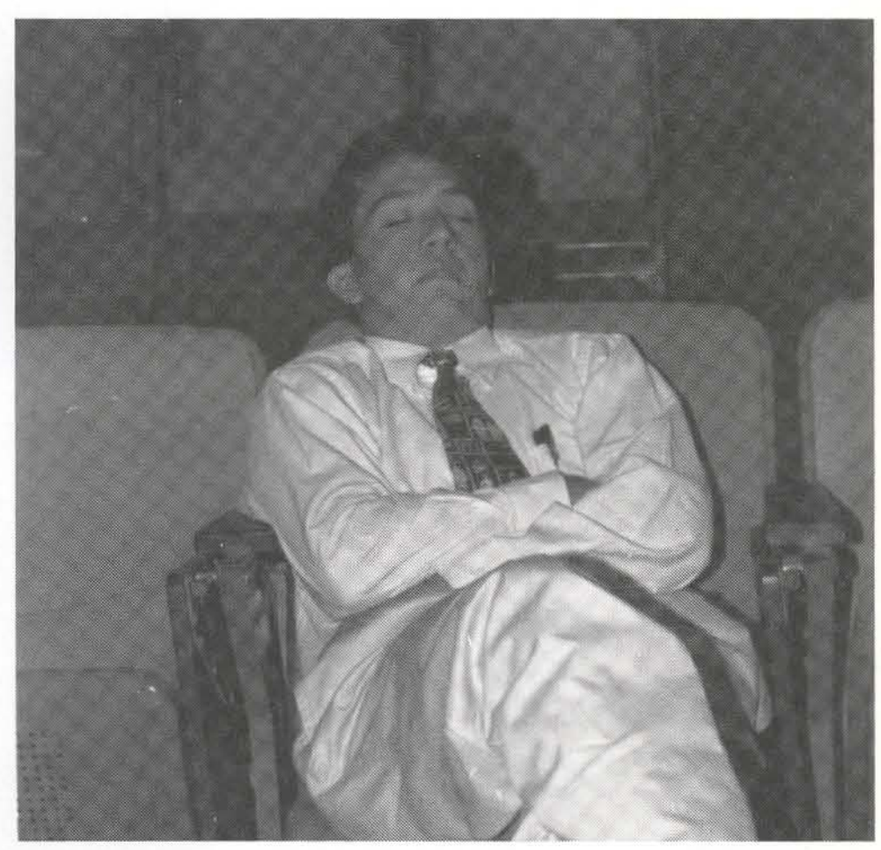
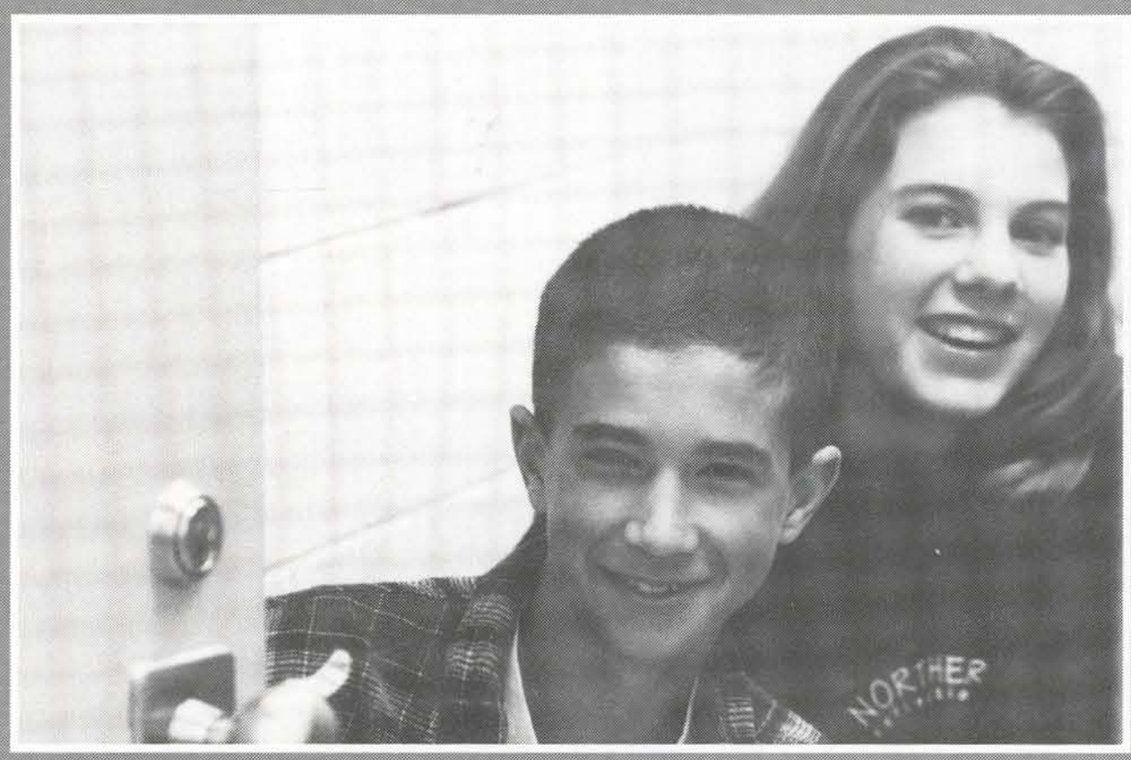


Above: Mr. Froelich must have spent so much time grading papers that he didn't have time to sleep. He was caught napping in Stroud Auditorium during a freshman assembly.



Joey Cox and Kim Moore work on the computer during Mrs. Witherow's Advanced Spanish I class. Students use computers to enhance their knoledge of foreign languages.

# A Fresh Start

The 1995-96 school year brought the three-year-old FIRST program a fresh batch of students.

FIRST provided students with a secure atmosphere in which they could adopt to the demands of life at U-High. FIRST didn't protect freshmen from everything though. Ryan Thoennes thinks the thing he will remember most about his freshmen year was "getting crapped on by upperclassmen."

U-High also offers a type of freedom previously unknown to many freshmen. Students were given the opportunity to make their own decisions and to grow as individuals. Katie Wright commented, "You don't have to impress anyone. You can just be who you are. I love that!"

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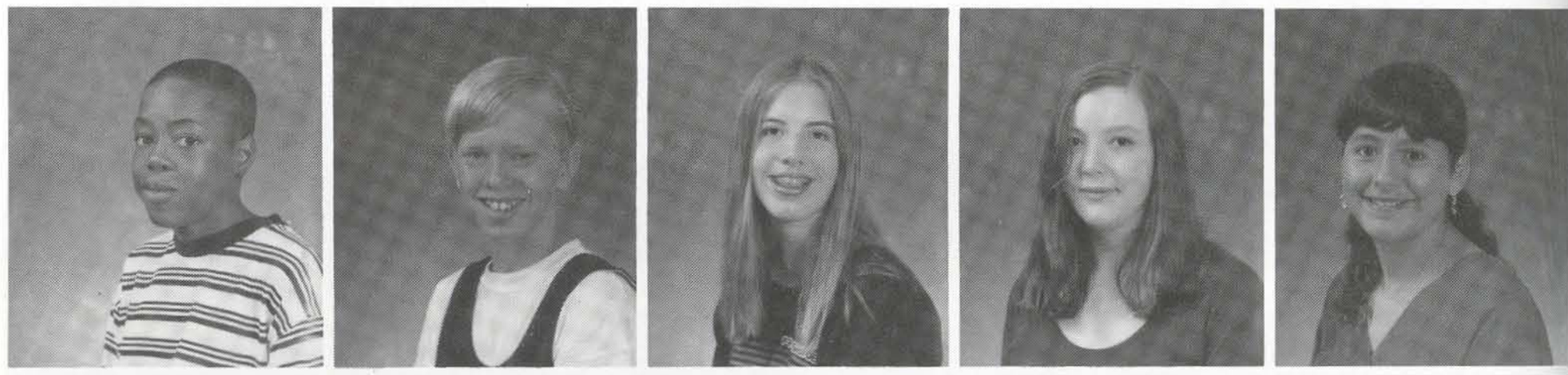

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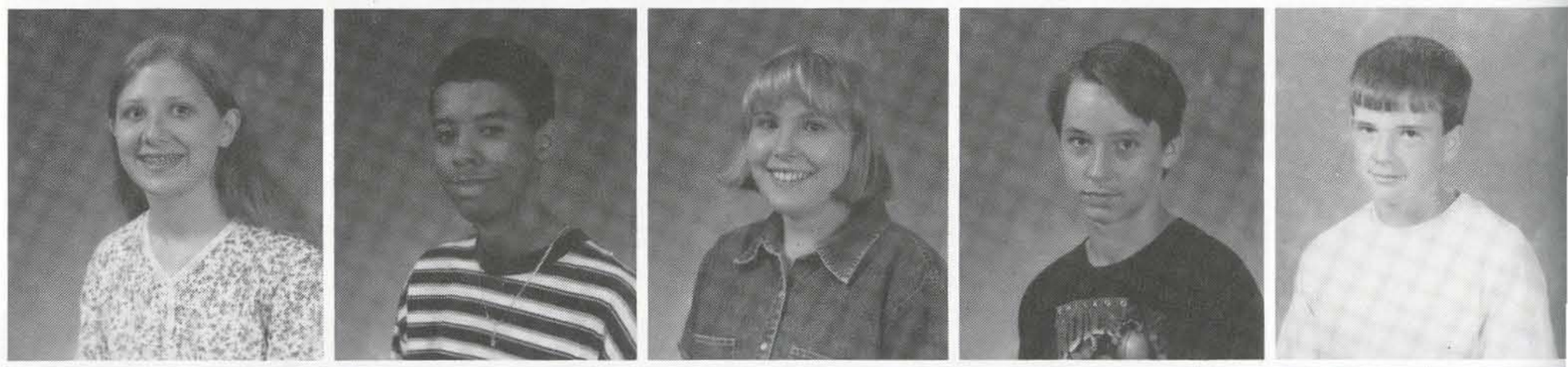

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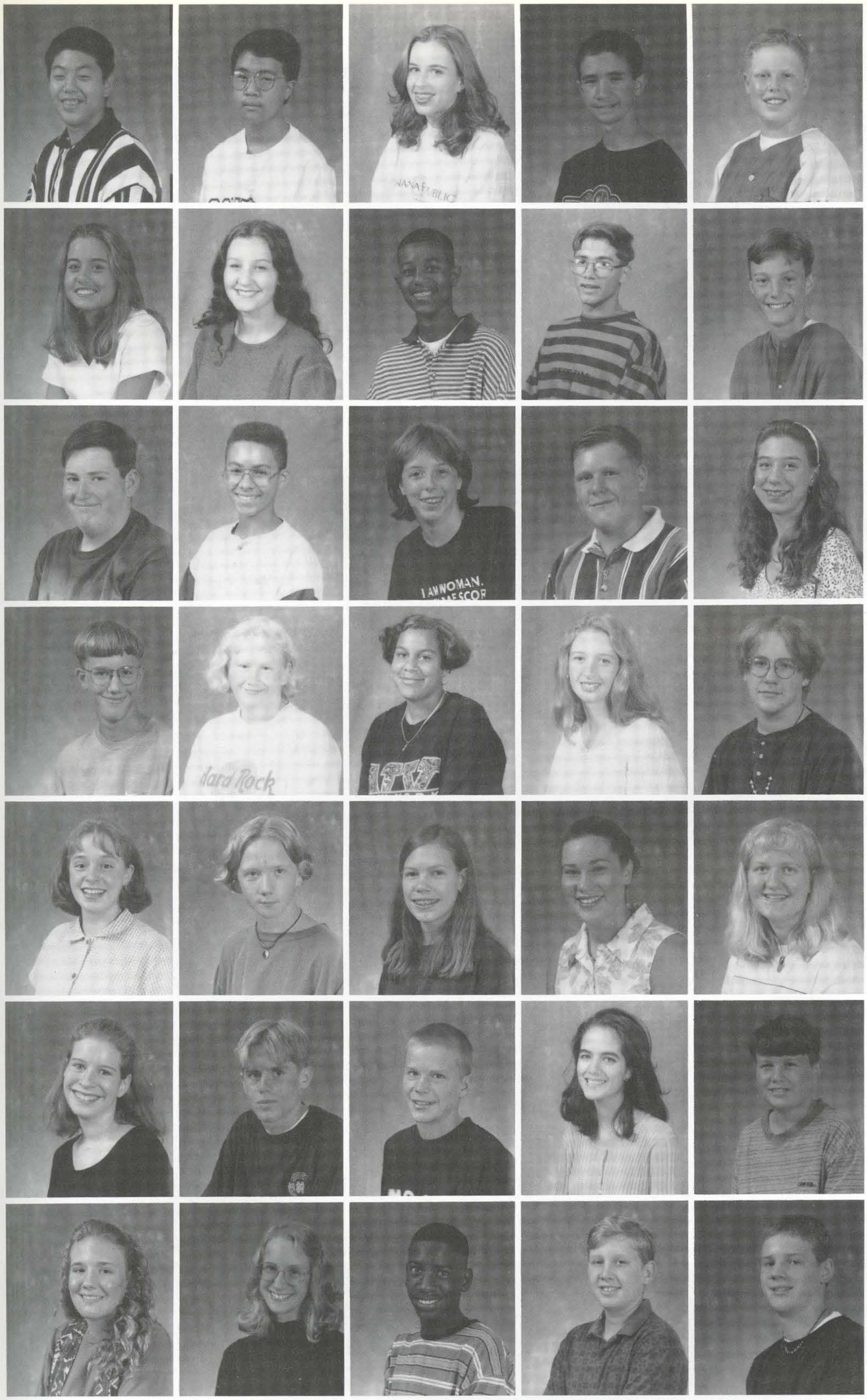

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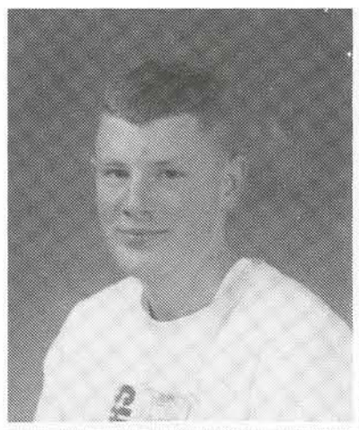
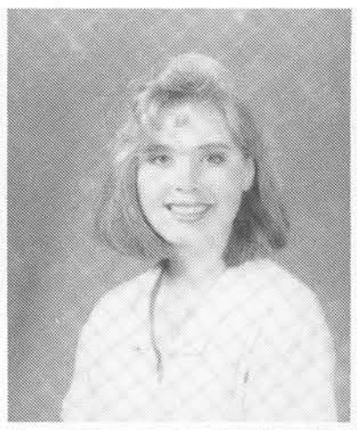
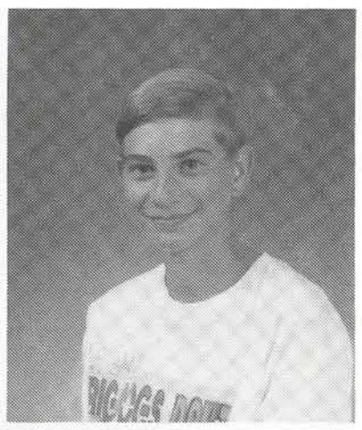
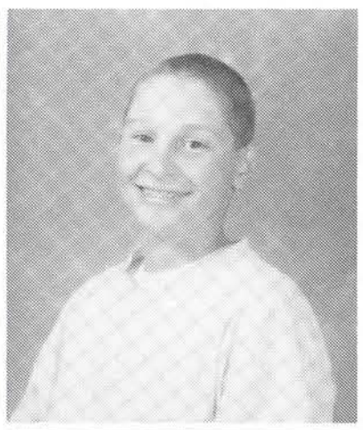
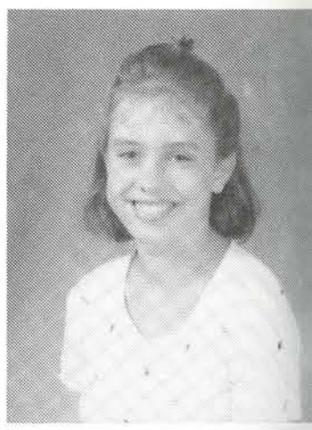

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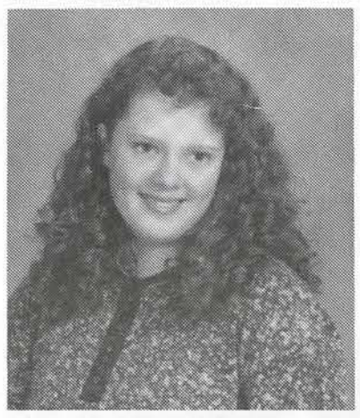
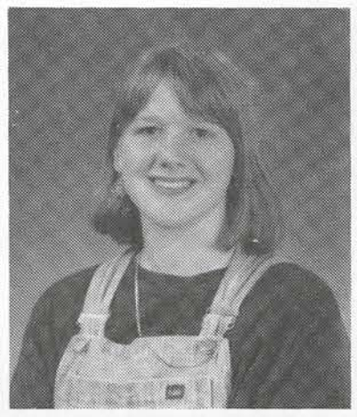
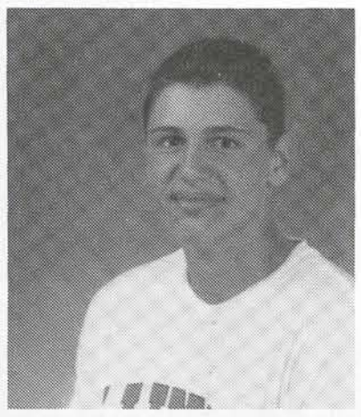
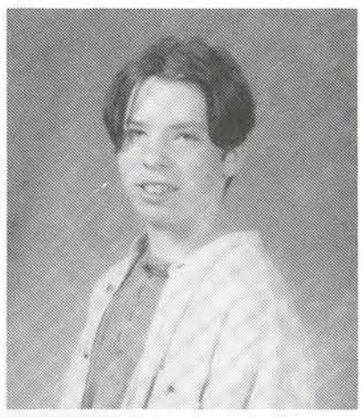
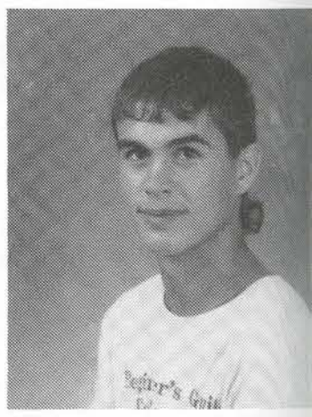

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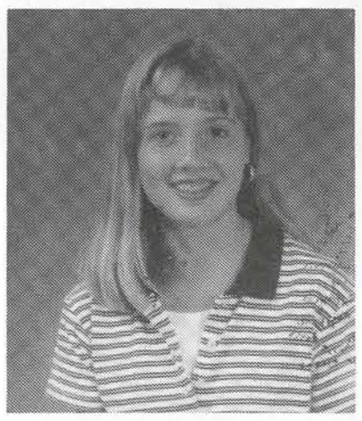
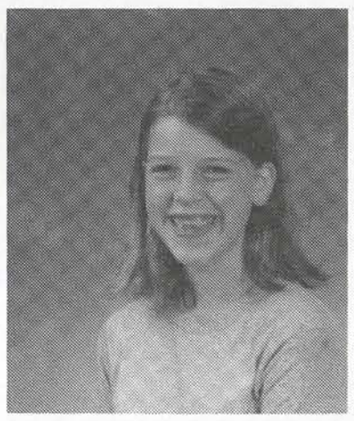
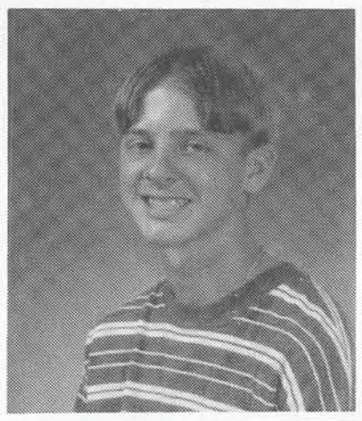
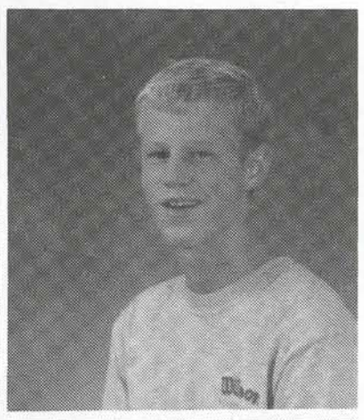
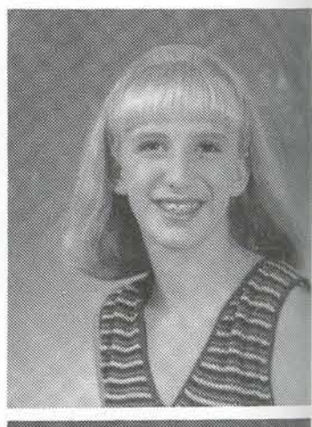

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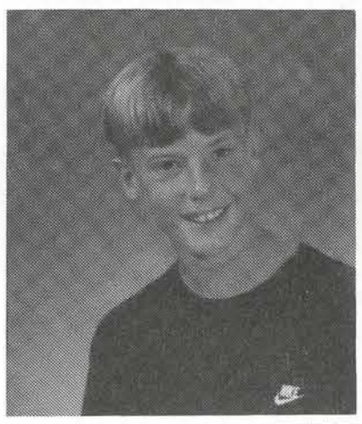
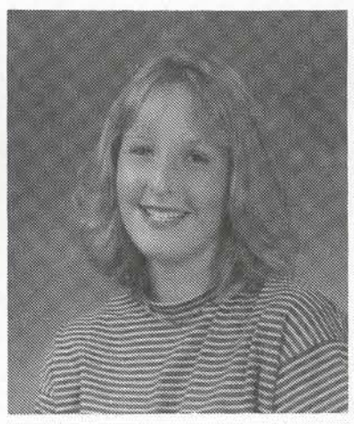
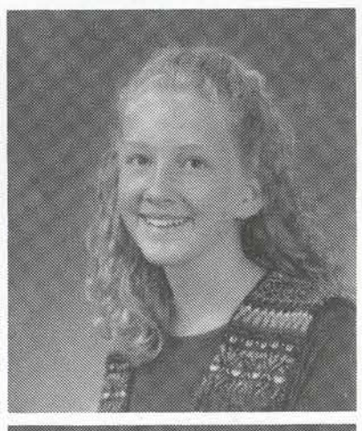
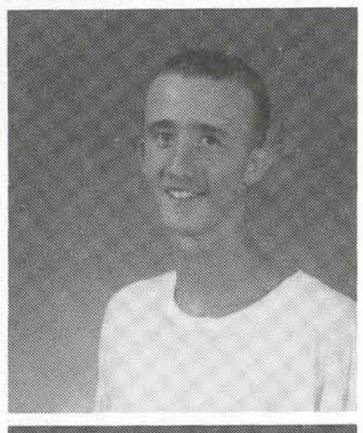
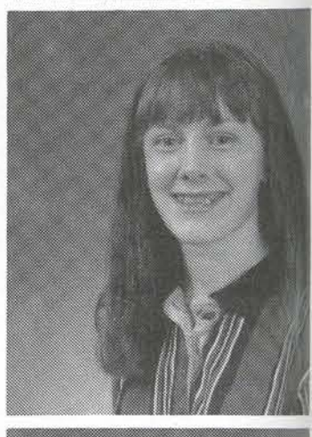

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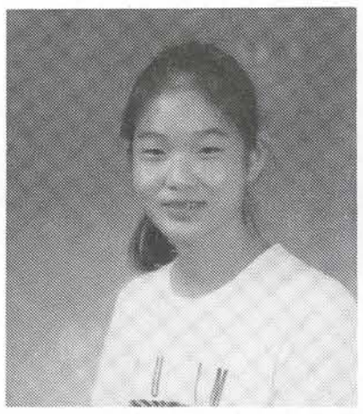
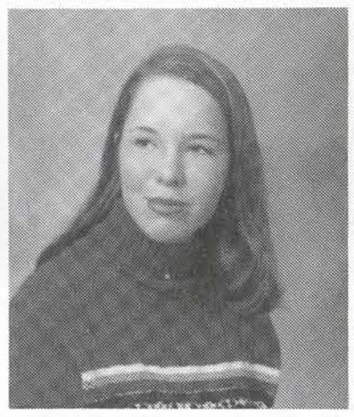
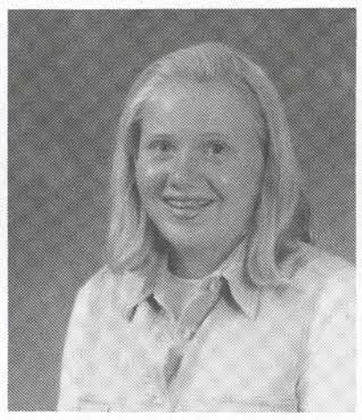
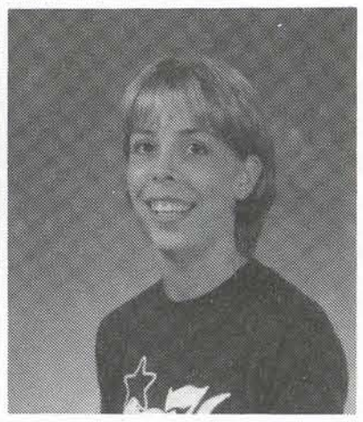
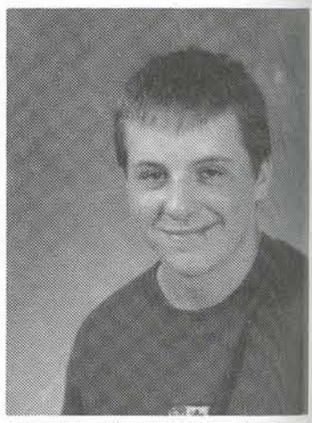

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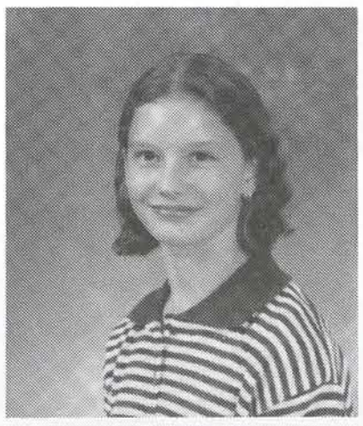
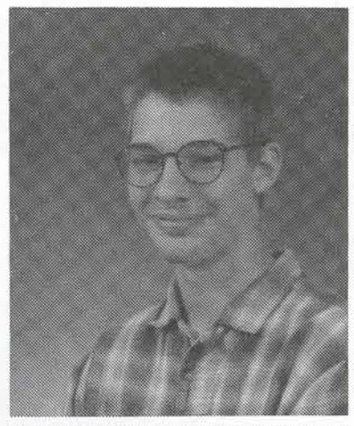
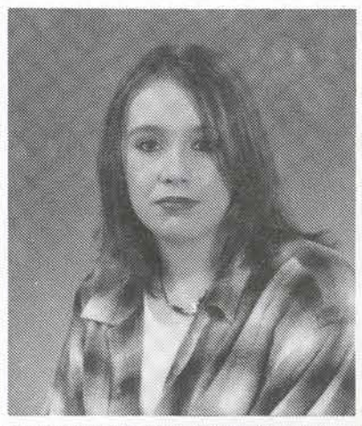
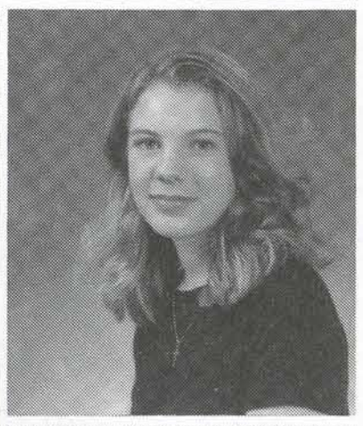
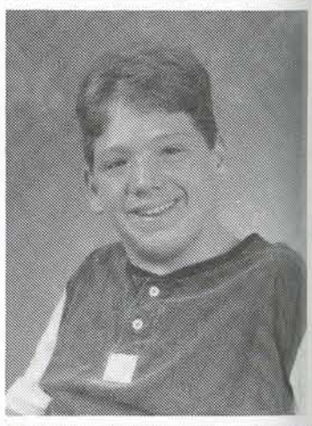

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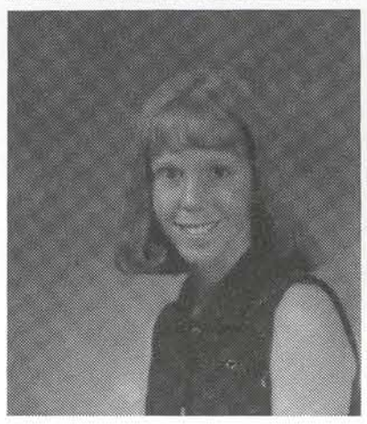
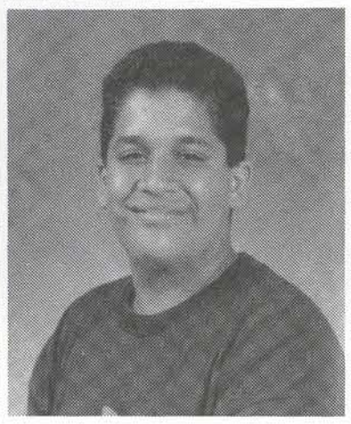
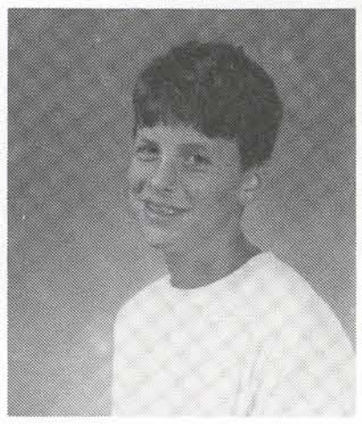
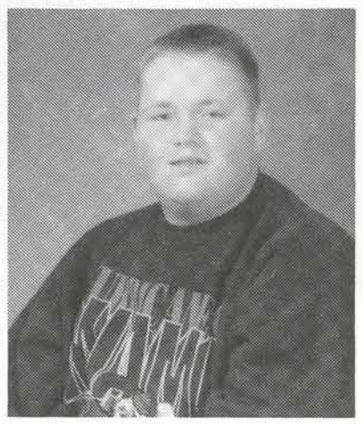
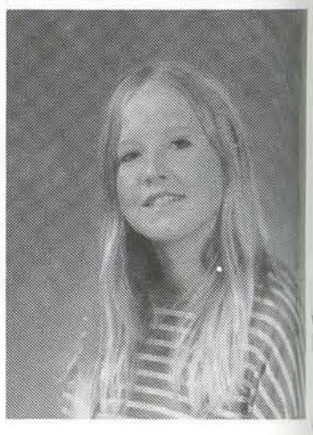

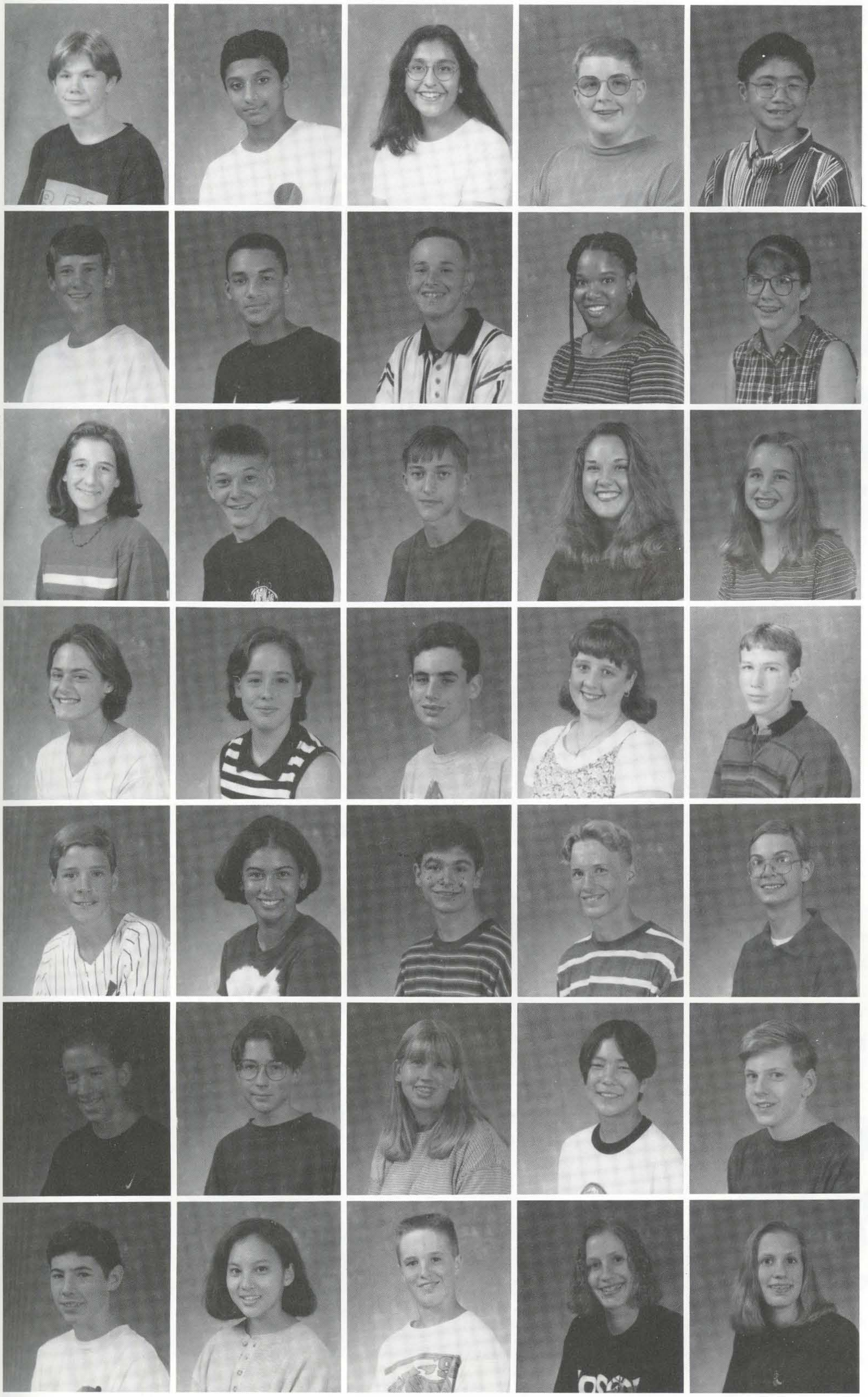

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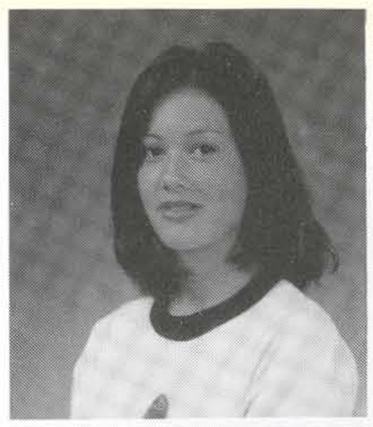
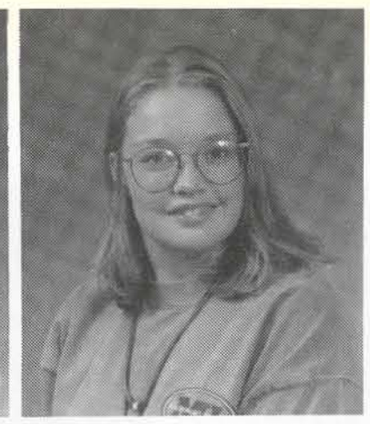
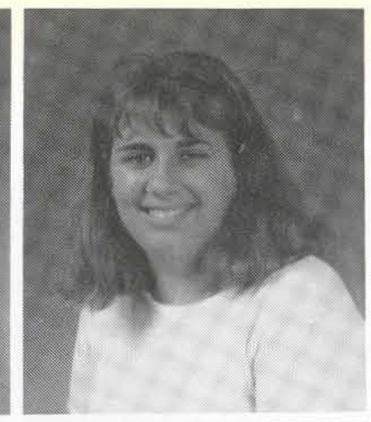
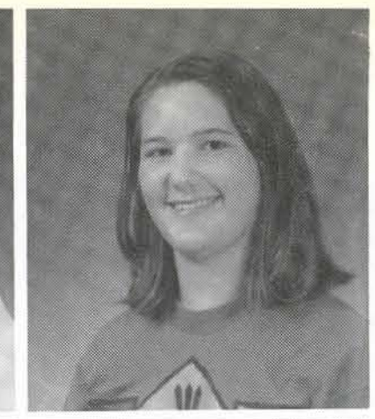
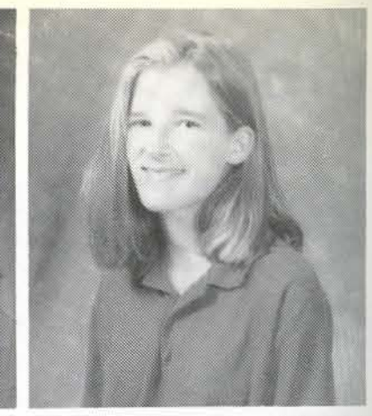

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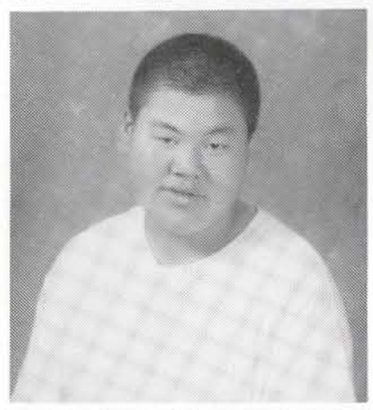
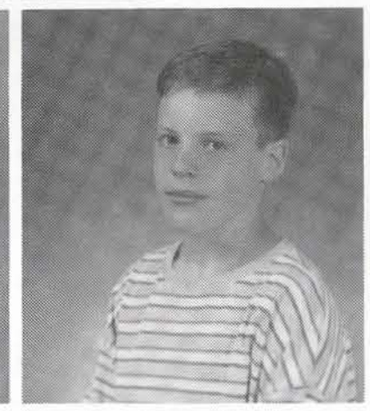
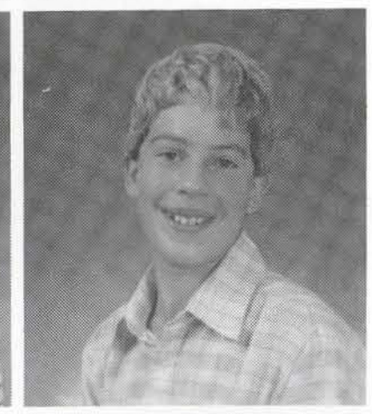
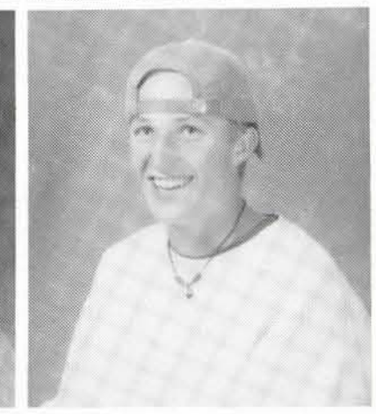
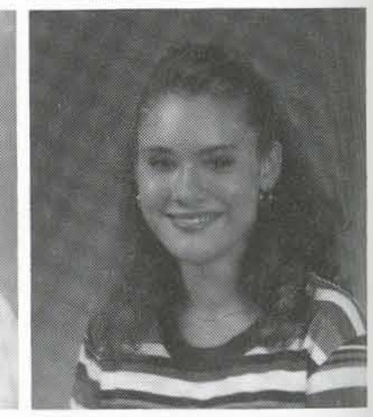

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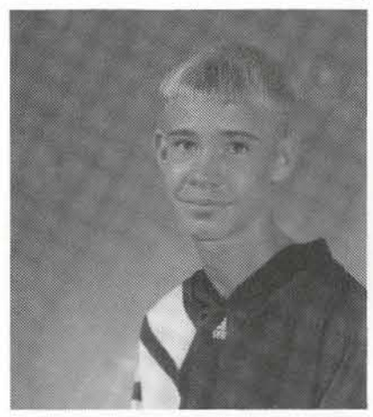
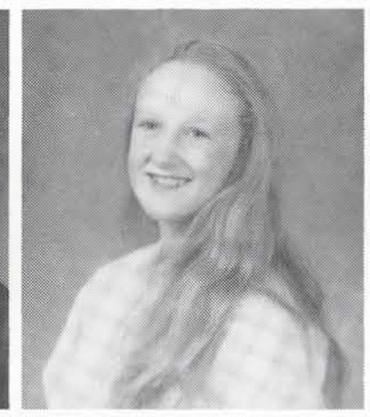
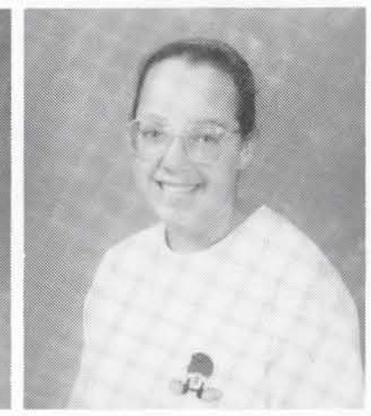
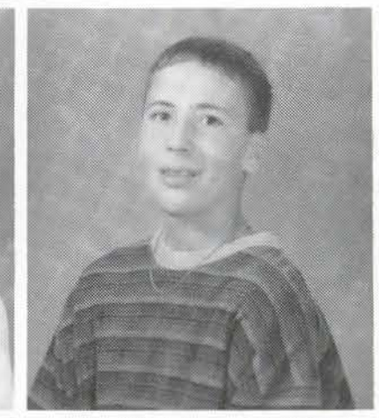
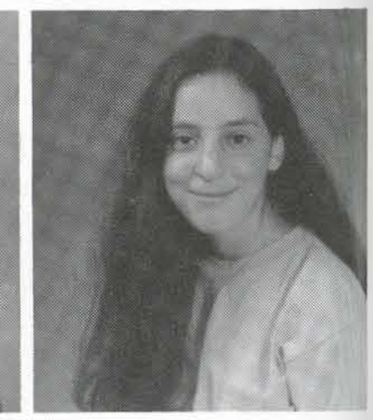

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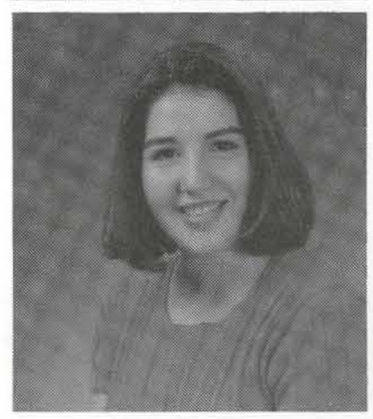
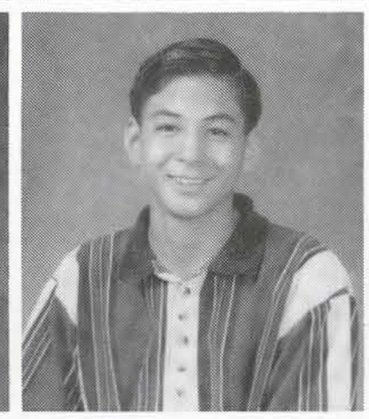
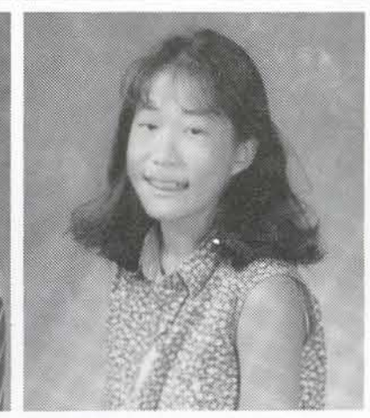
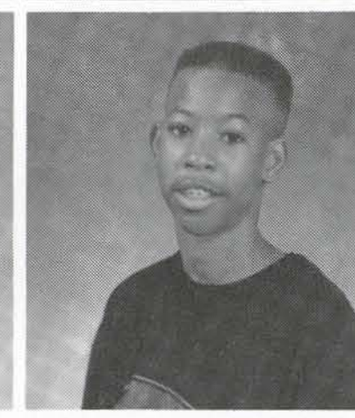





**Not Pictured:**

Ted Chao
Tim Holbrook
Jason Shive
Jeremy Shive

**Q.** Being a freshmen is like _____.

**A.** "Falling down a bottomless pit and finding that is has a bottom."
-Sarah Lehr

"Fun... beacause I am the freshmen bully."
-Lane Lampert

"Discovering there is a lower form of life after meeting the freshmen guys."
-Jamie Thompson

"I don't really know. I haven't had a normal freshman year because my peer group consists of juniors and seniors who do un-freshmanlike things. These things do not consist of sex and drugs, just a lot of rock and roll."
-Jacob Olbert

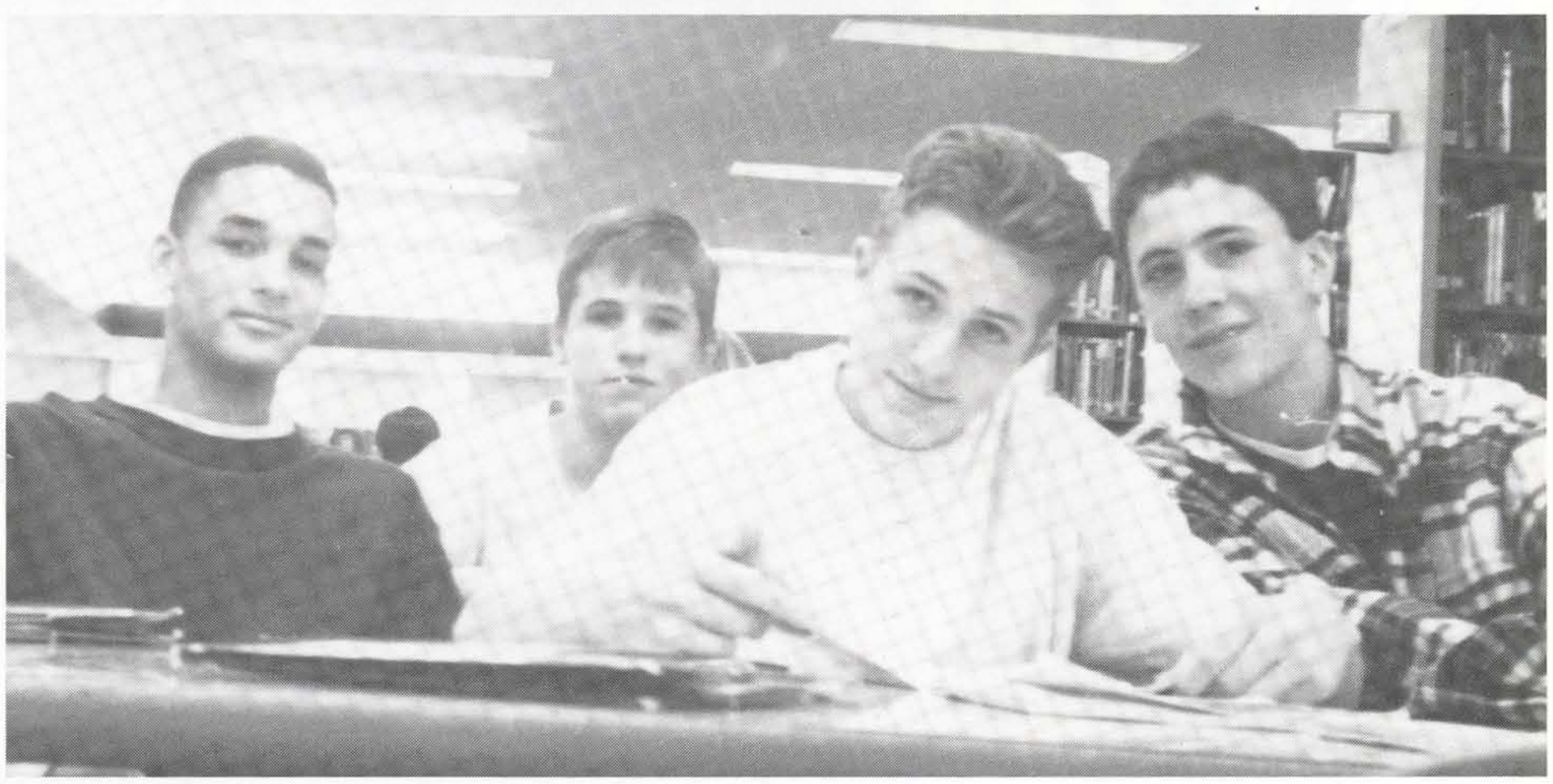
## *What would you most like to forget about your freshman year?*

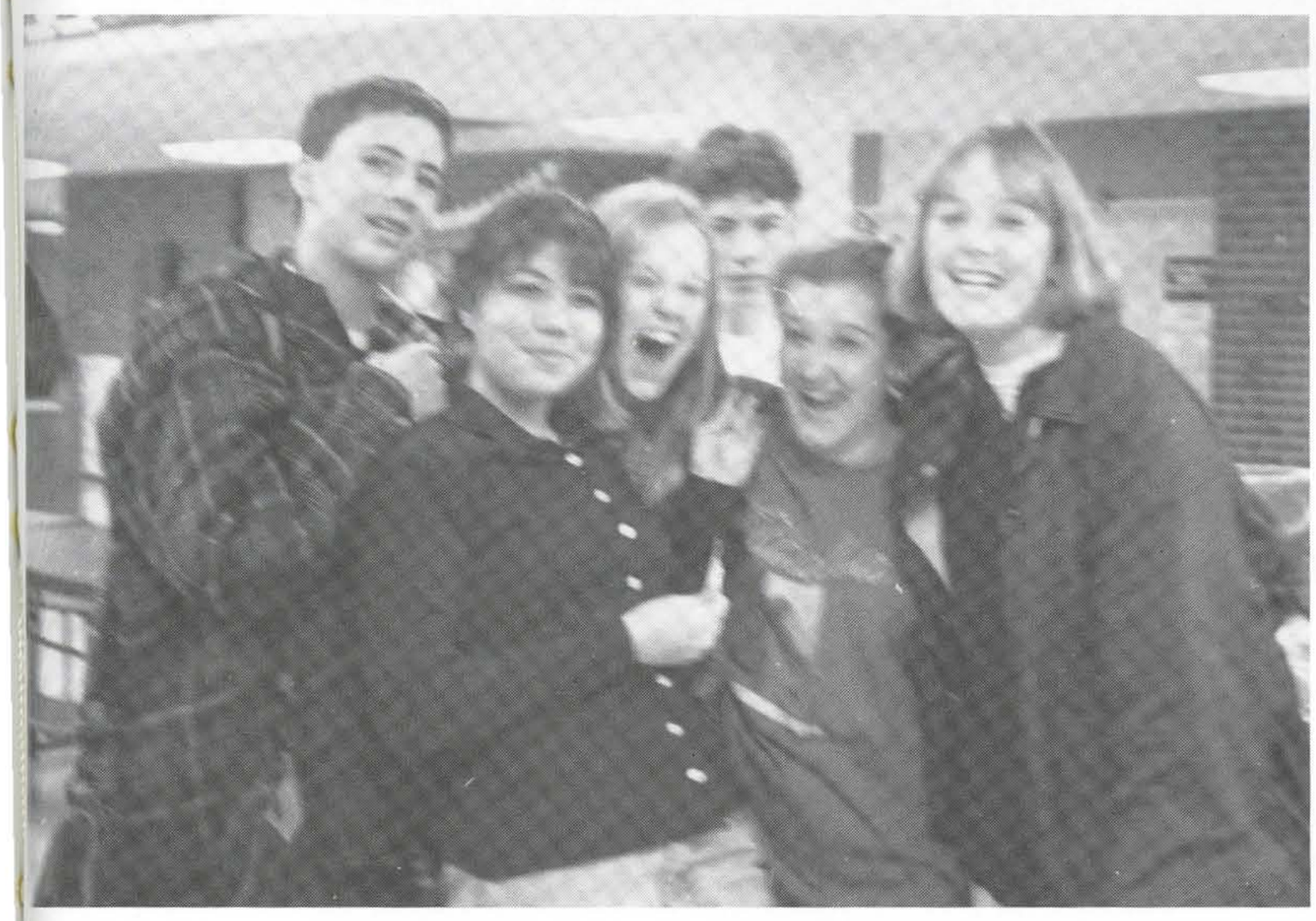
When asked what they would most like to forget about their first year in high school, the freshmen almost unanimously agreed that it would have to be the infamous FIRST program.

There were many aspects of the FIRST program that were disliked by the freshmen. Lesley Fisher was not alone when she said that she didn't like all of the projects that she had do in FIRST. Some students said that they didn't like their classes. Mike Ducett said "The thing I want to forget about this year is geometry." There were even a few brave souls who admitted to not liking some of their teachers.

Most of the freshmen found fault in the entire project. Freshmen couldn't wait to leave the FIRST program behind to join the rest of the school.

# JUST Speak YOUR MIND





Above: Freshmen are usully seen bored in the lounge after school, but this group becomes excited when given the opportunity to pose for a picture.

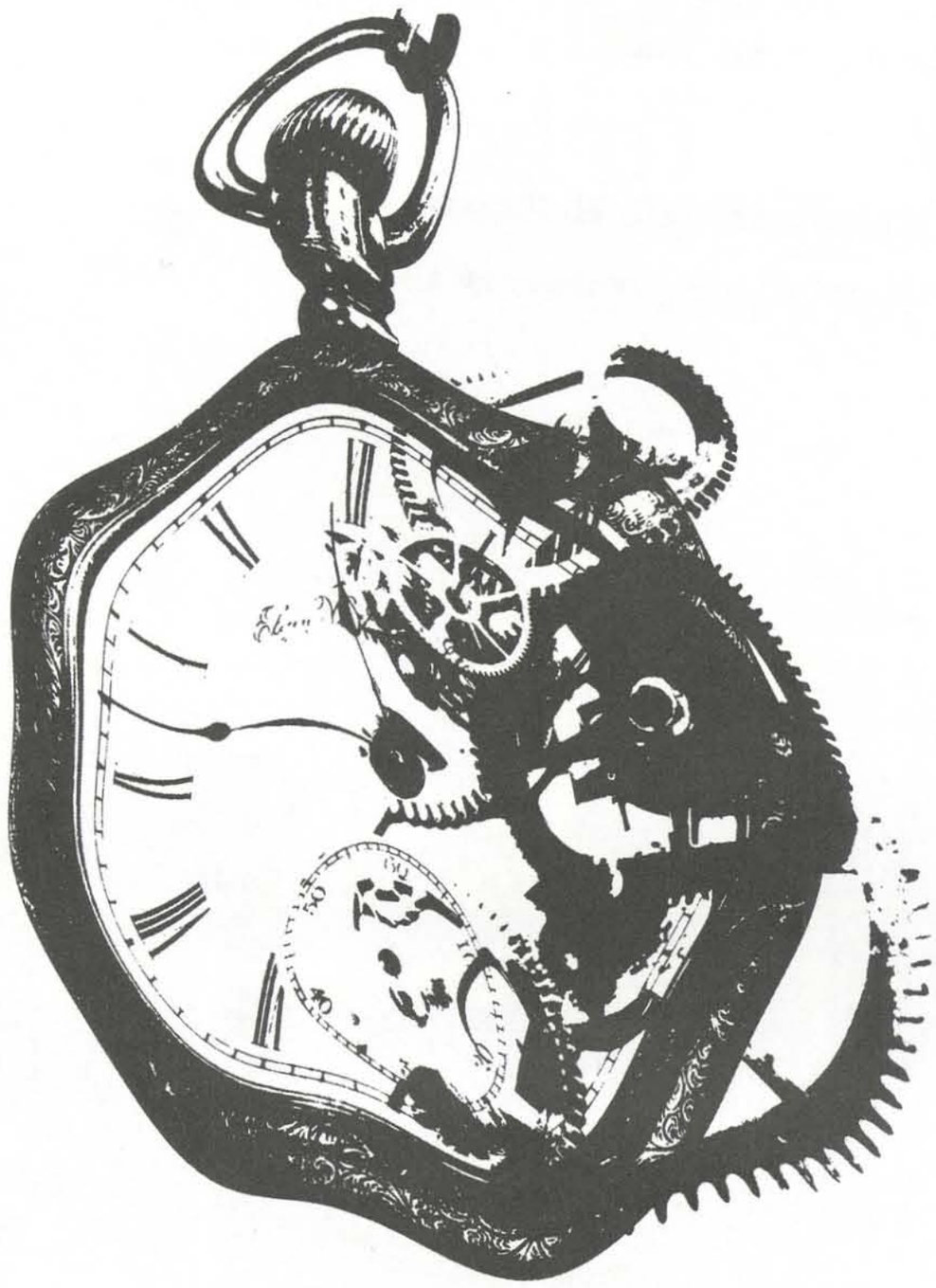
Above: Jason Rainey, Ryan Thoennes, Josh Wheeler and Todd Witherow utilize their free time to read a long awaited copy of The Clarionette.

Above Left: Freshmen learn quickly that teachers at U-High rarely start class on time. Christine Yee got to her first hour biology class early and relaxed until Mr. Baldwin arrived.

# Life of . . .

Below: Elizabeth Eynatten, Megan Thompson, Sara Lehr, Lesley Fisher, Molly Archer, Rachel Herron and Jamie Thompson, fool around in the lounge while waiting for the sophmores to open the school store.

Right: Andrea Steuck and Jessica Cumpston recieve help studying for a Spanish I test from Spaininsh II student Nicole Niebur.



## *What will you remember most about your freshmen year?*

" Mr. Sondgeroth in the dress."
-Molly Archer

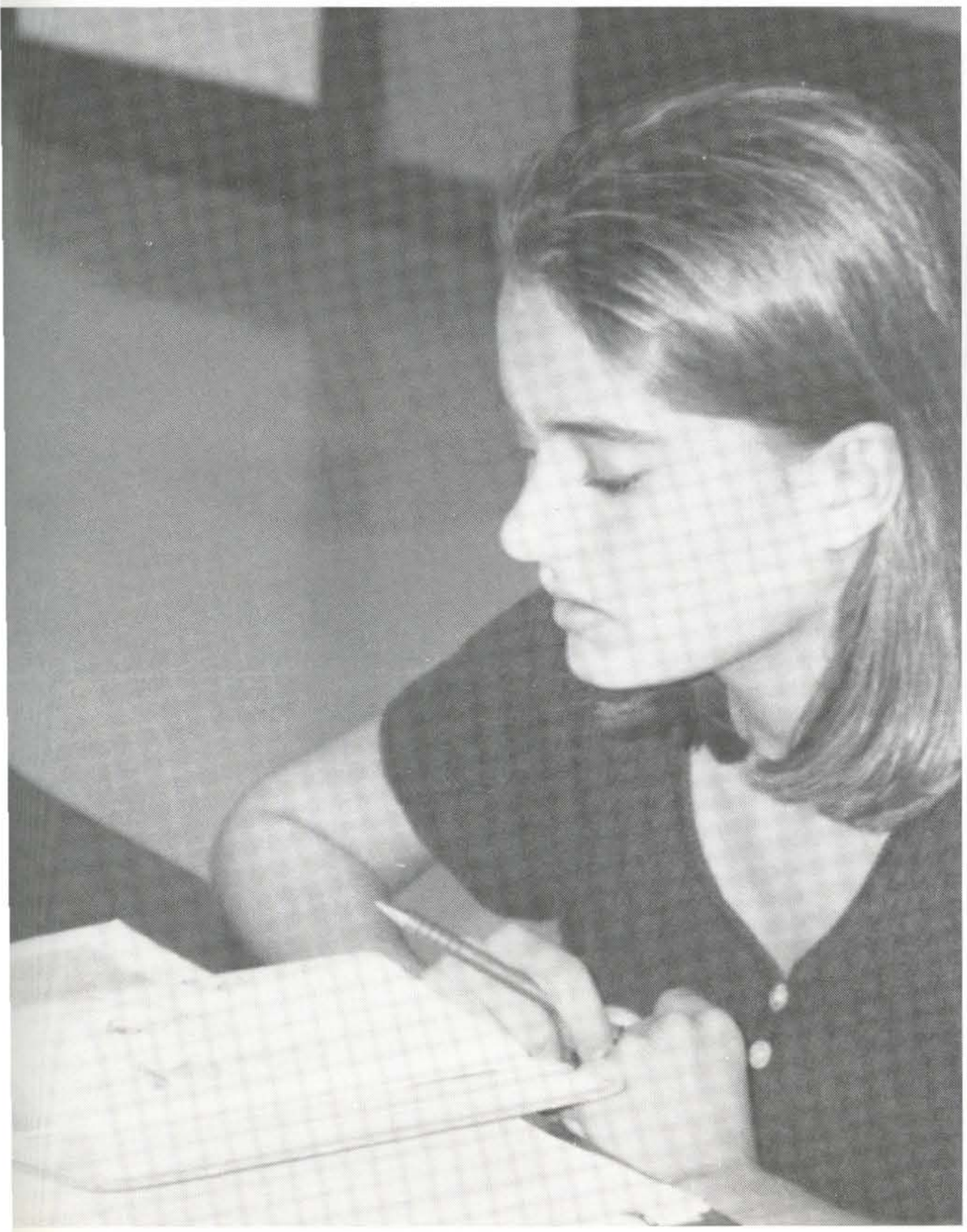
"Learning to be a thespian."
- Megan Thompson

"All the good times with my friends."
- Andrea Steuck

"Mr. Froelich's funny classes."
- Todd Witherow

"The sports!"
-Jason Rainey (and friends)

"Coach Gault's humor."
-Kara Whitecotton



Above: Striving under the academic pressure at U-High, even freshmen know the importance of doing well on their finals. Brandon Albee and Jon Choi find enough solace in the lounge to study for their french final.

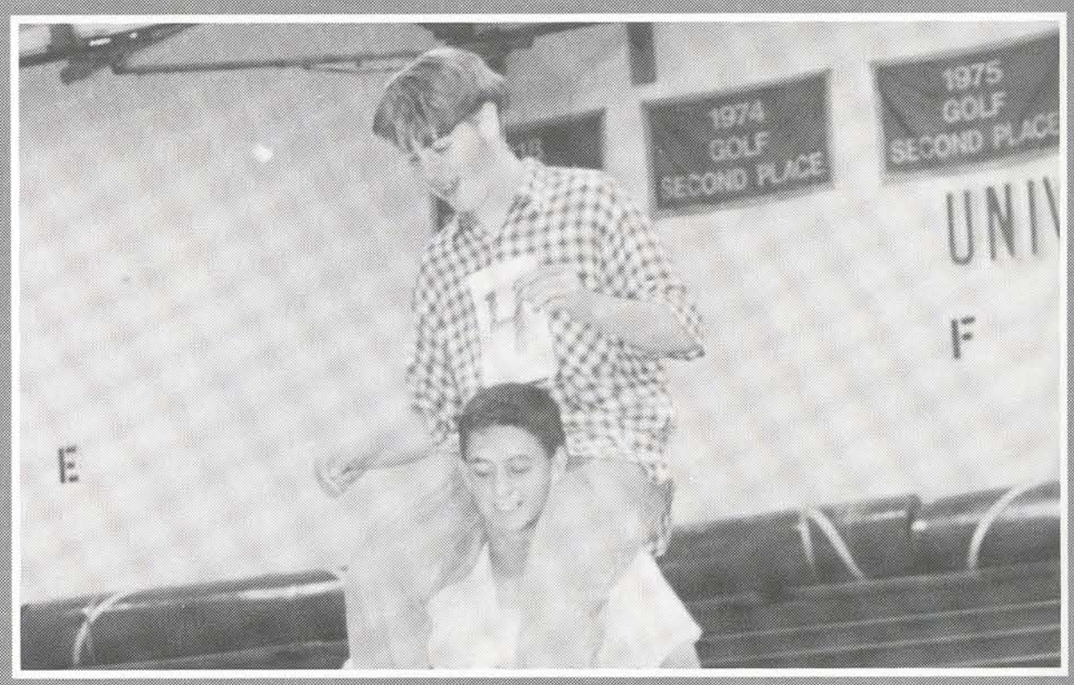
# More Roads To Follow...

Sophomore year is the year of freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. "We're not in project FIRST any more, so you have to watch your classes closer,"said Molly Myers.

Speaking of roads to follow, "The best part of being a sophomore is Driver's Ed! Yeah! We get to drive!" Erin Nelson shouted happily.

"As freshman, we devoted every other Thursday to sub sales. Now, the student store must be open Monday through Friday to make money for the class,"said Paula Mc Daniel.

"The best thing about not being a freshman anymore is we get to join the real world," said Raven Nuñez.




Right: At the Homecoming Assembly, Carroll Varner used flaming tennis balls to juggle his way through the Mr. Pioneer contest while sitting on Jim Sallee's shoulders.

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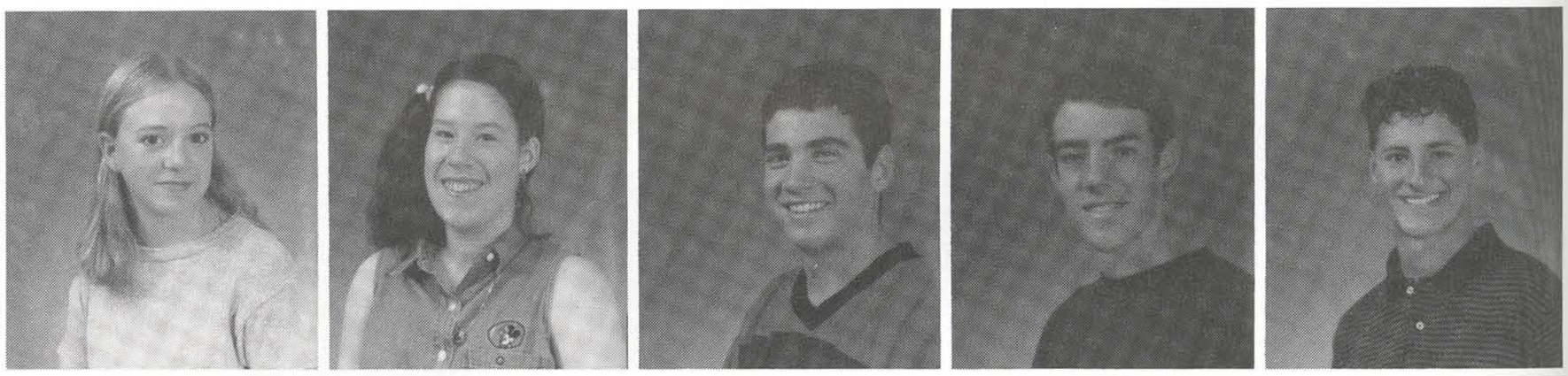

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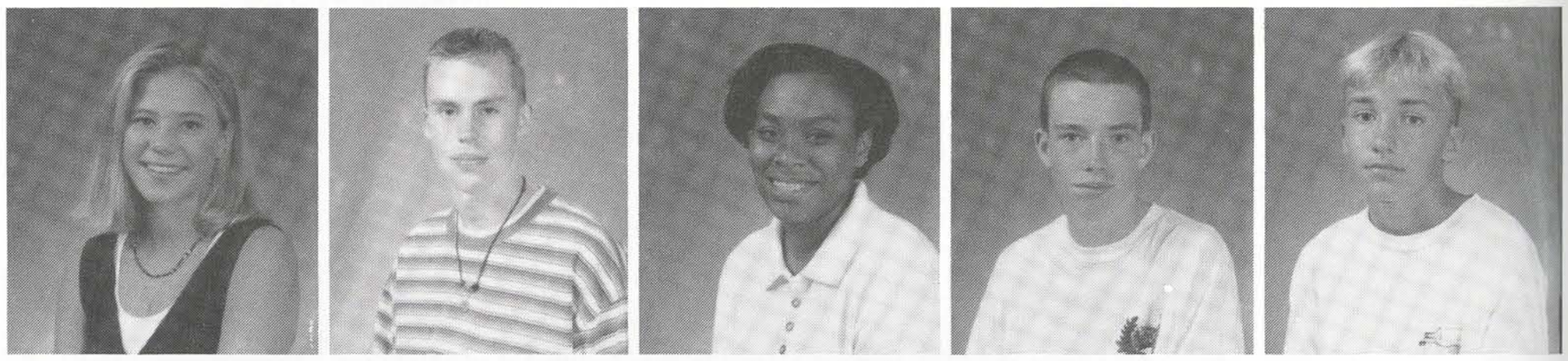

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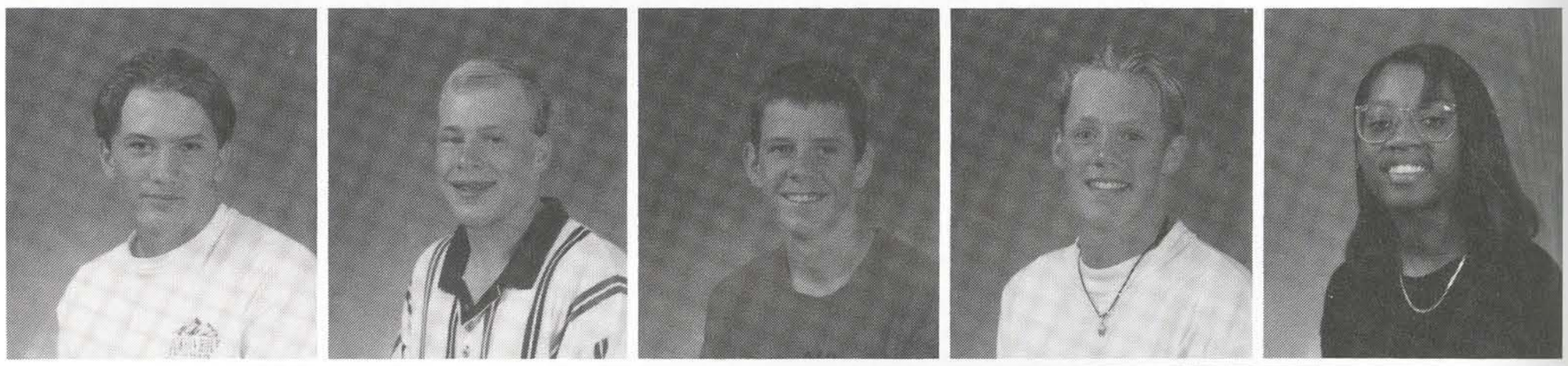

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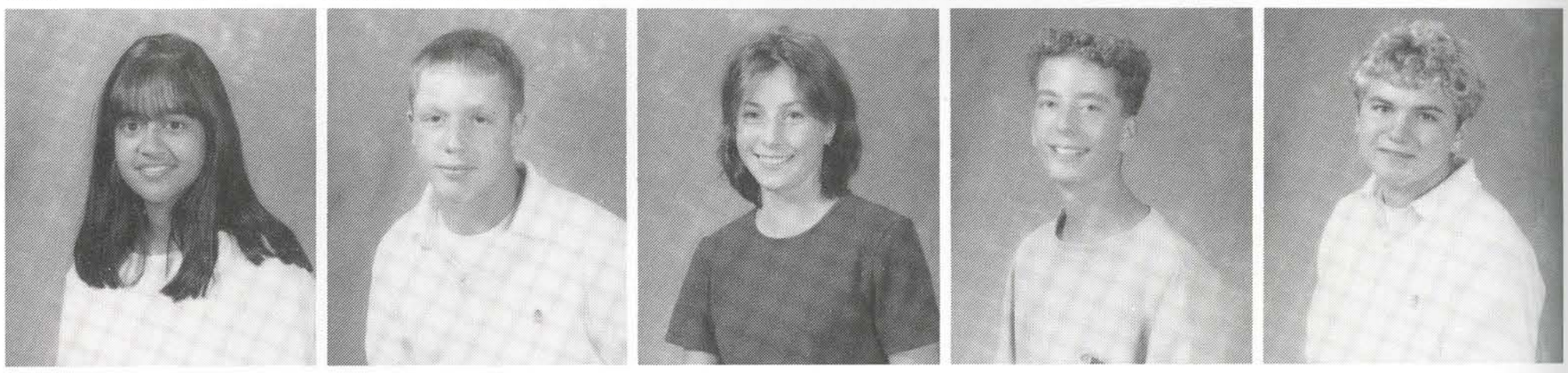

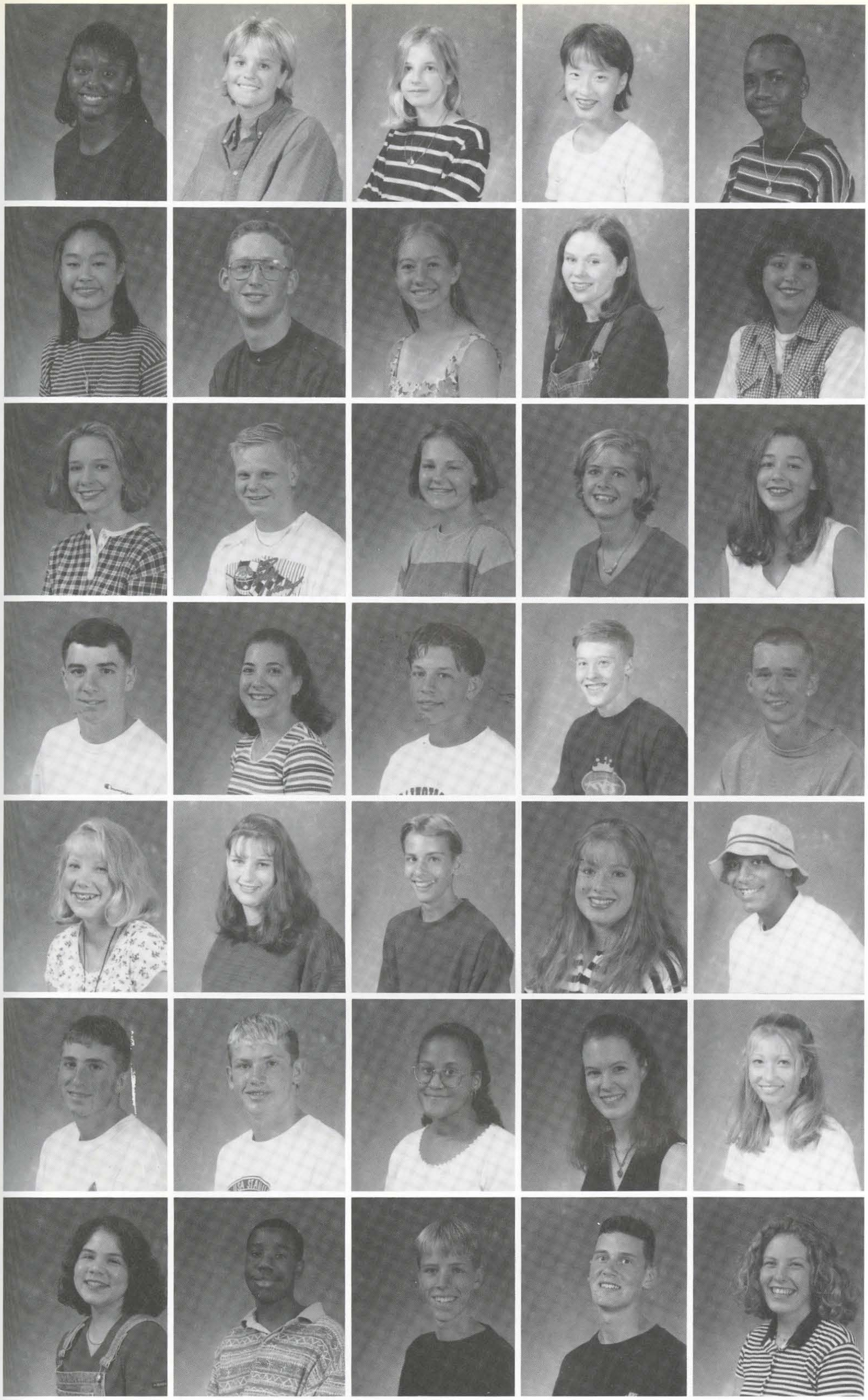

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Toni De Cristofaro

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Billy Elmore
Matt Etcheson
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Sara Faber
Linda Fanis
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Susan Grotbo

Dana Grzeskowiak
Aaron Guzman
Gabe Hamer
Andy Herman
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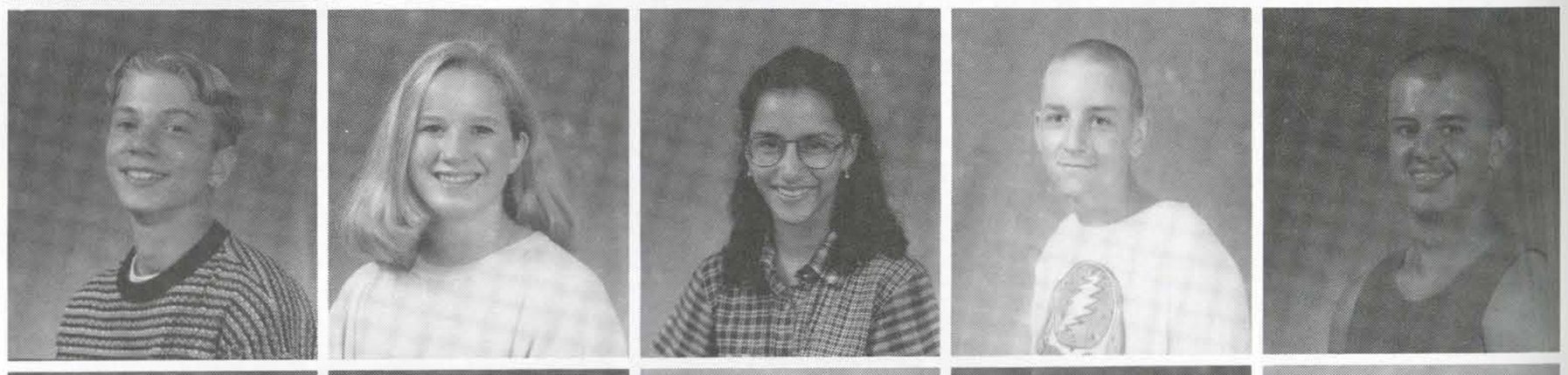

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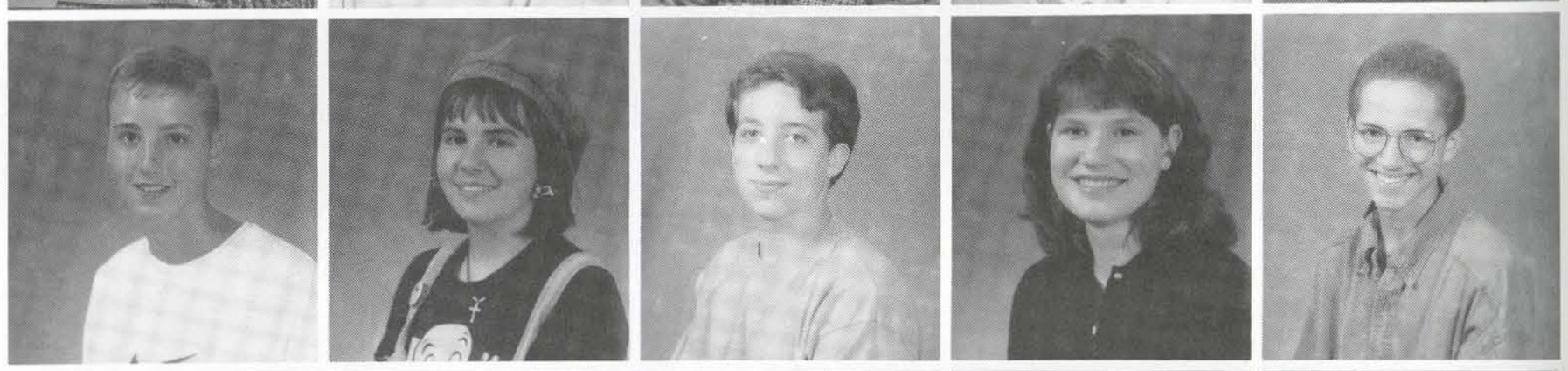

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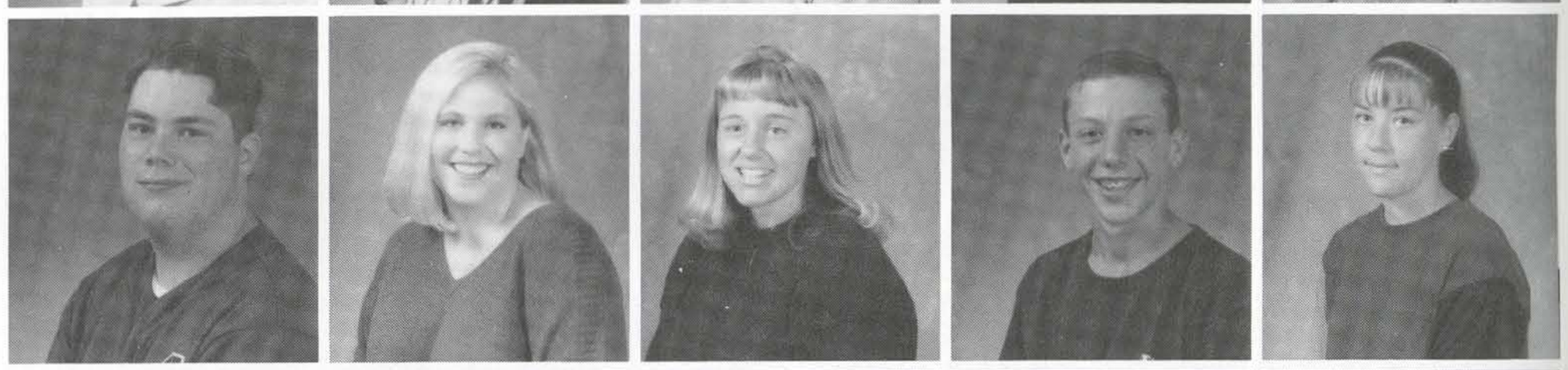

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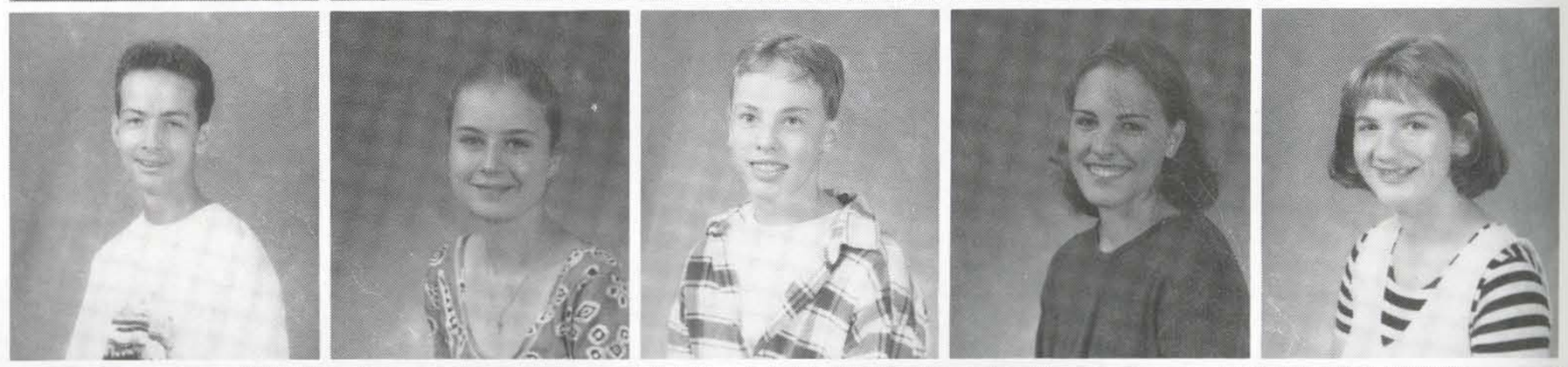

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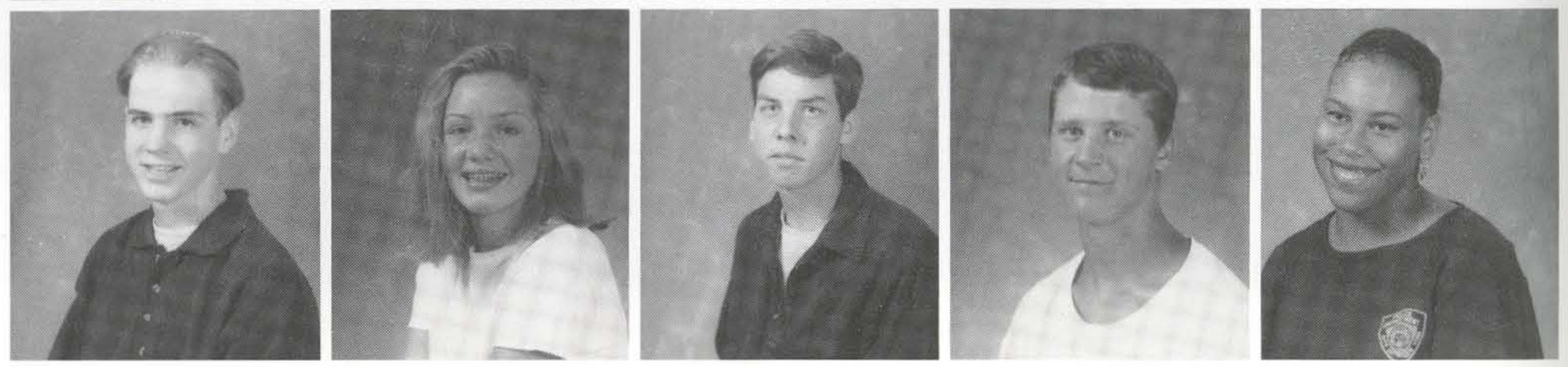

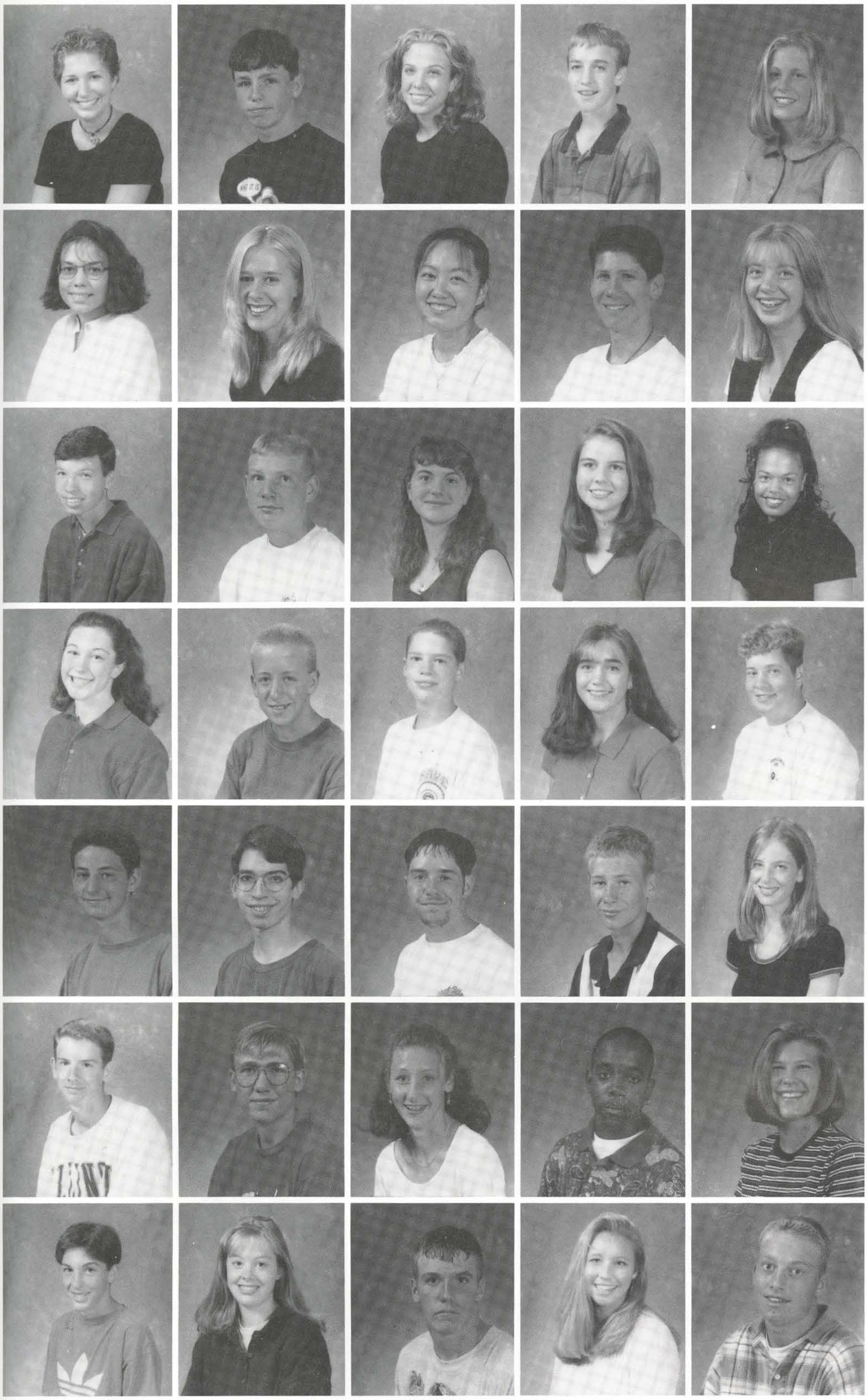

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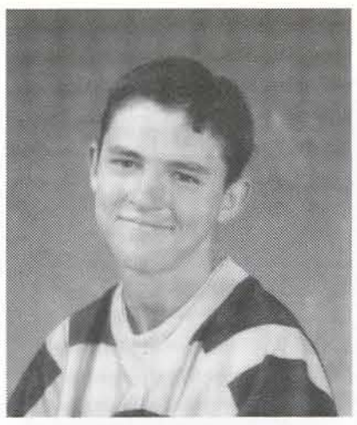
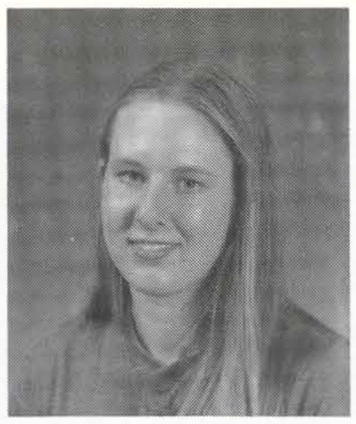

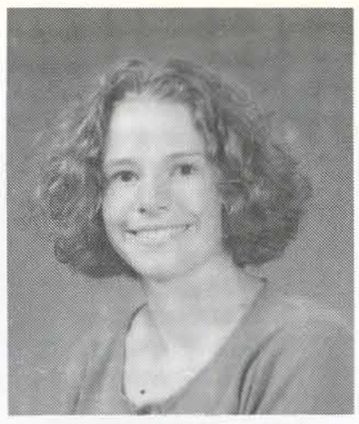

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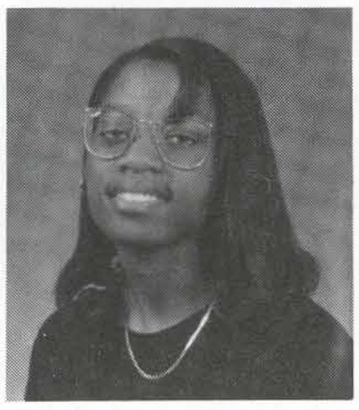
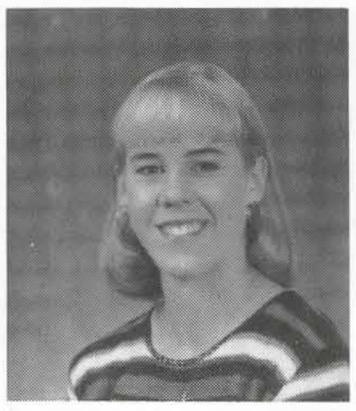
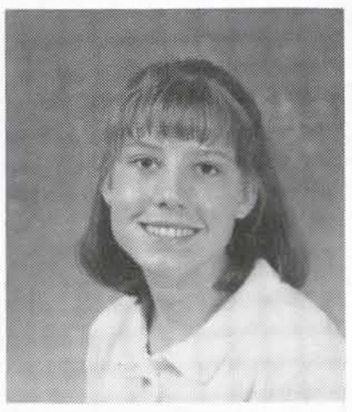
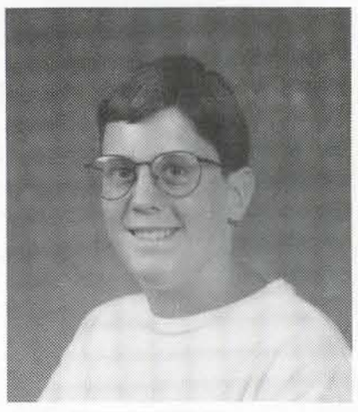
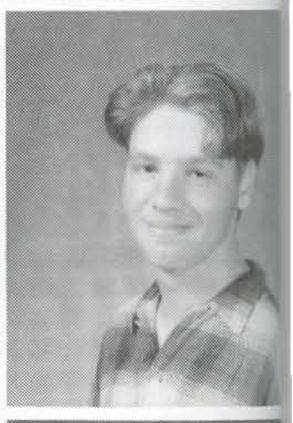

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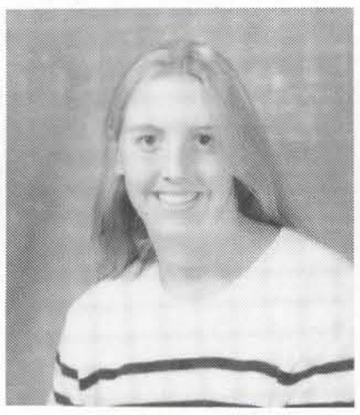
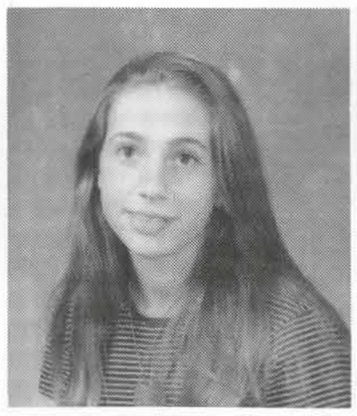
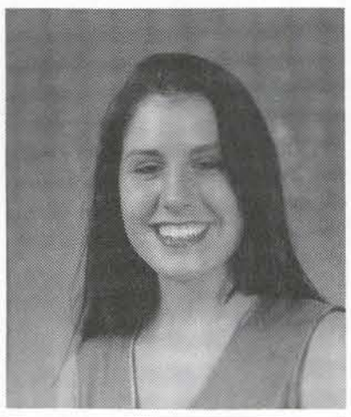
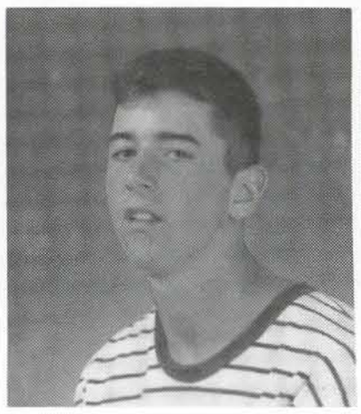
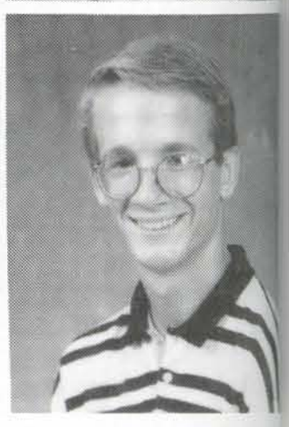

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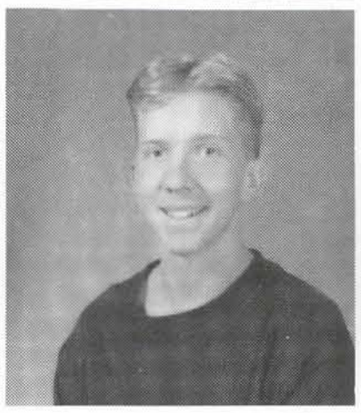
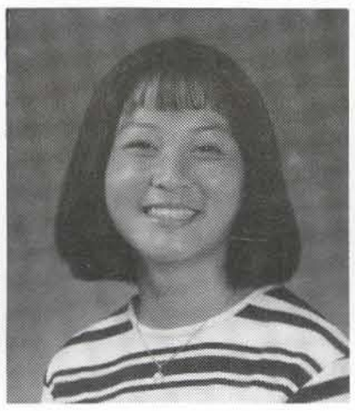
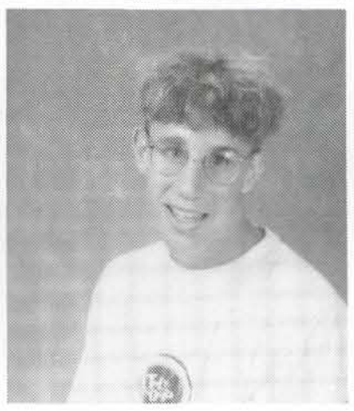




**Not Pictured:**

Jason Halm
Paul Gebhardt
Chris Seehafer

Left: Molly Myers displays the beginnings of a new project during her 12:00 art class. "It's called a cluster pot," she said. Her finished project ended up as a multi-colored work of art.

## *What was your favorite movie this year?*

"*Ace Ventura*. No, anything with Jim Carrey in it."

-Tammy Storbakken

"Well, I haven't seen any movies this year. No, wait, I saw *Seven*, so *Seven* I guess."

-Sally Straub

"*Apollo 13* rocked!"

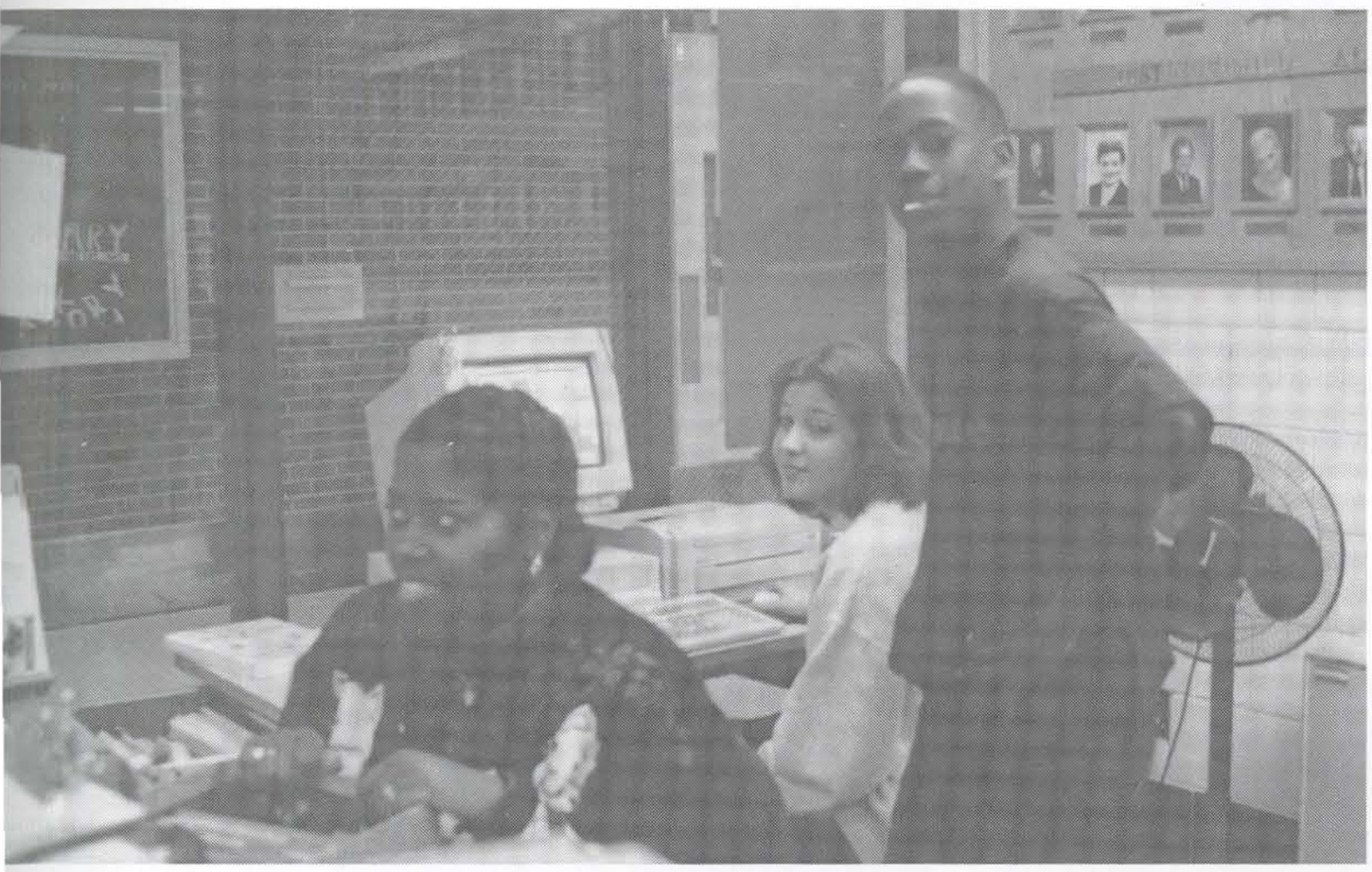
-Ingrid Kays

"My favorite movie was *Batman Forever* because we dressed up for the Halloween dance in costumes from the movie."

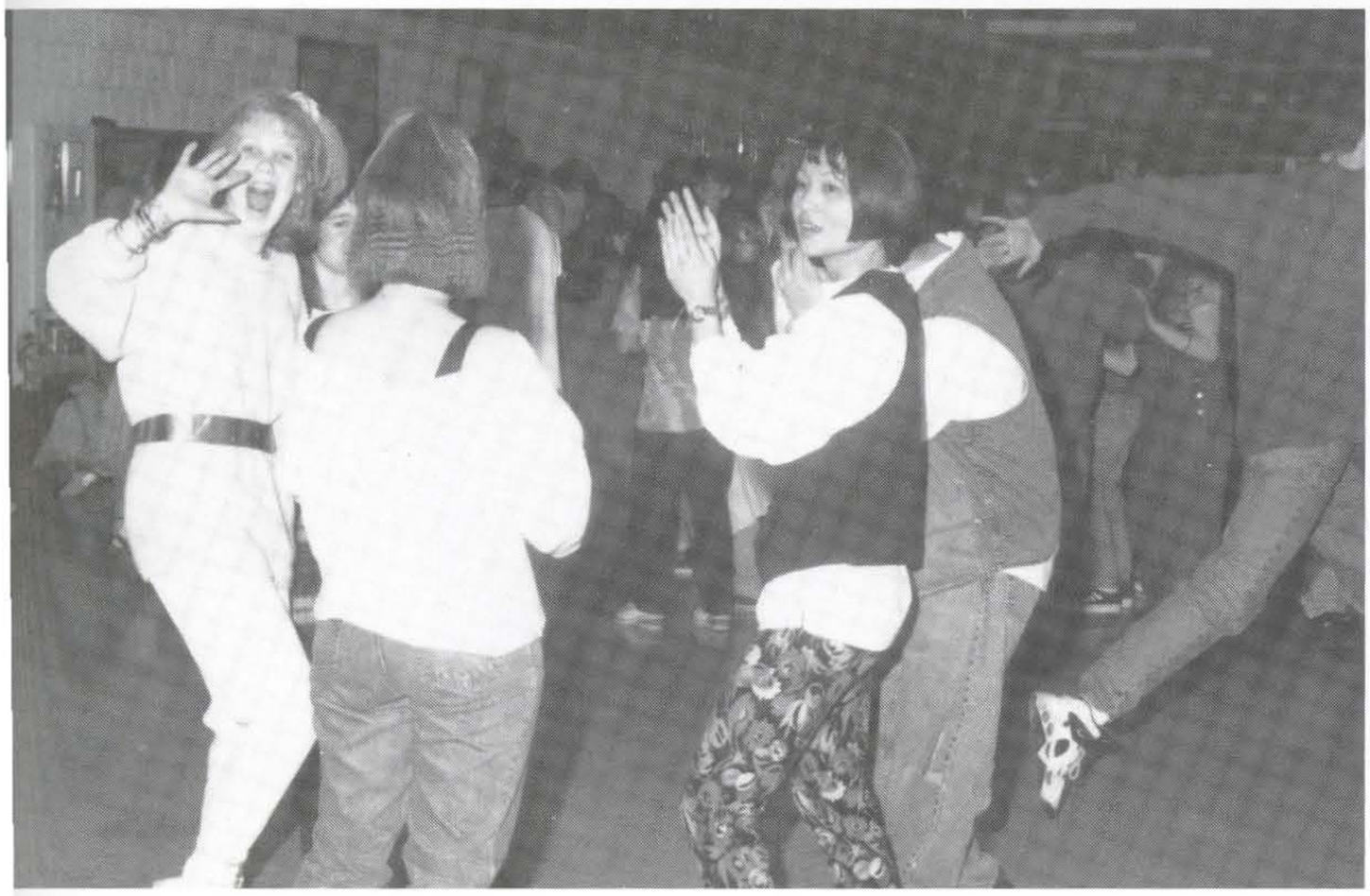
-Tiffany Thetard

"The most romantic movie was *While You Were Sleeping*. It was great."

-Amy Magarity



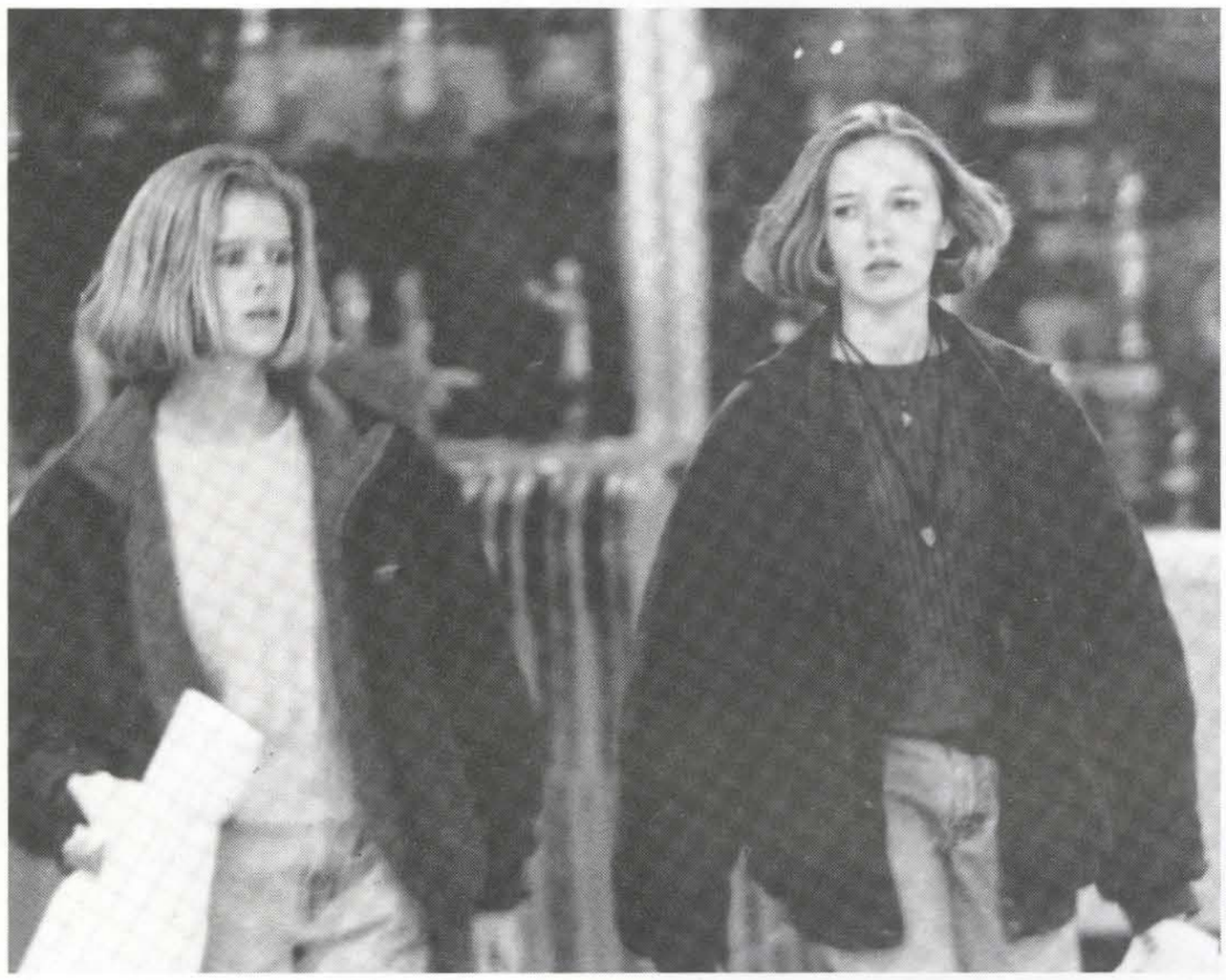
Left: Will Carter and Stephanie Clawson lend a helping hand to Meshawn Calhoun, the office receptionist.

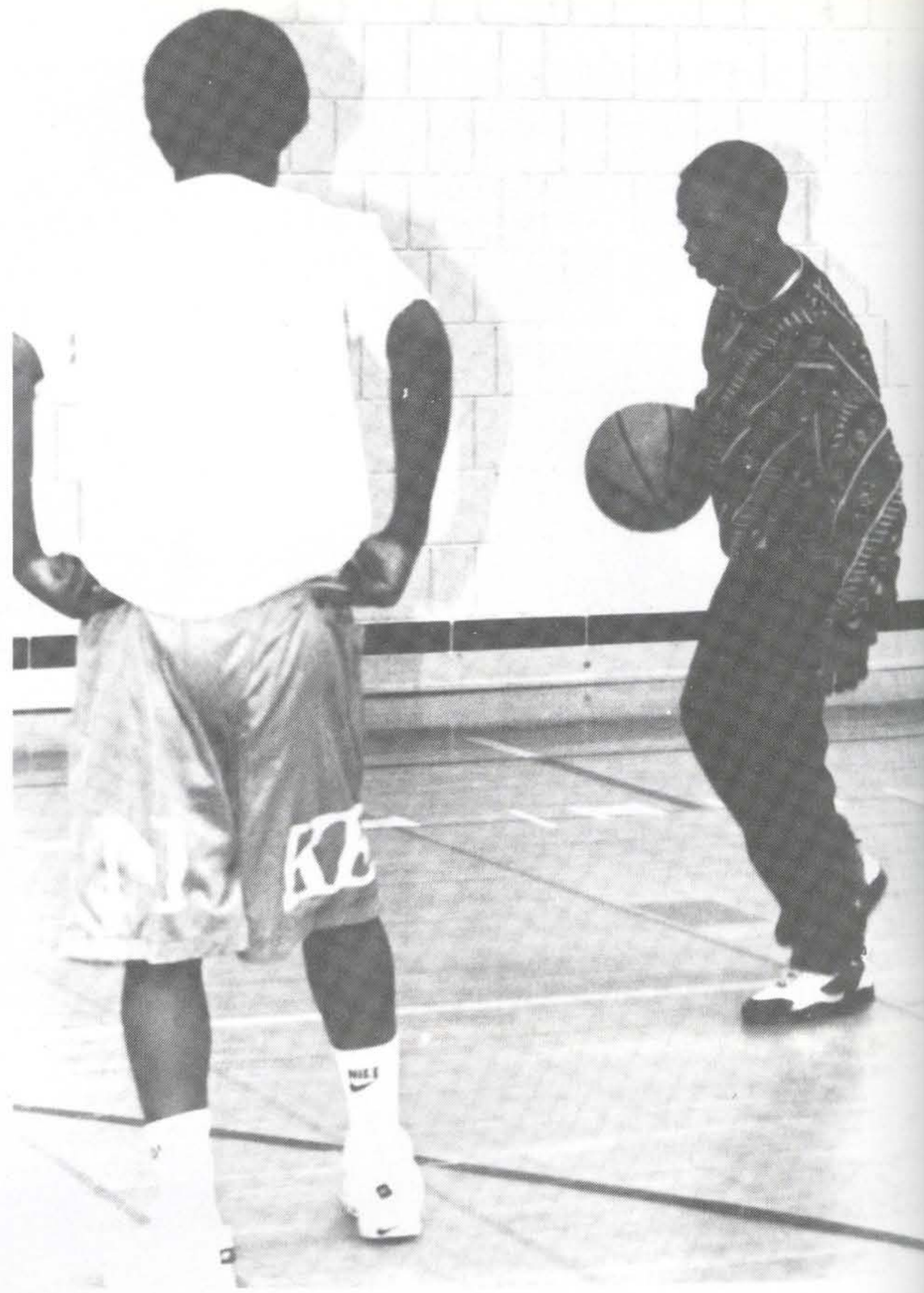


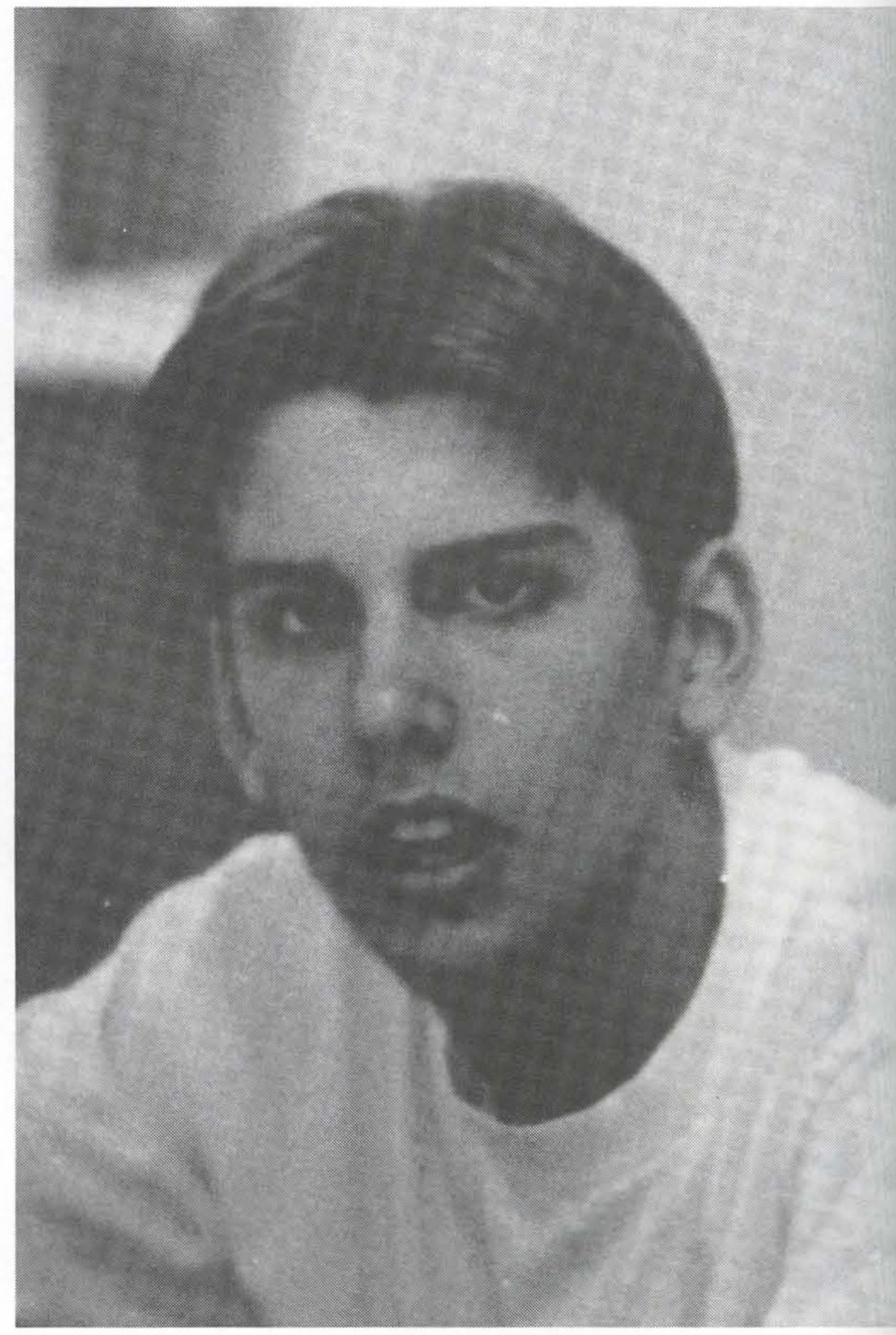
Left: Sarah Faber, Melisa Mickewicz, and Tina Yang are properly attired to boogie down at the 70s and 80s dance.

Right: Will Carter kills some time by shooting some hoops in the gym as Wes Shinault shows off his shorts.

Below: Good friends Angie Davidson and Kristy Corbitt return to the lounge to eat their lunch from Avantis.







Above: Josh Thomas participates in the PEPI (Physical Education Peer Instruction). On this particular day, the activity was a bit different: the class was treated to a special performance of a "humorous duet acting" piece by seniors Ben Elble and Ted DeLong.

Left: Dan Crowley contemplates the wonders of the universe in art class. He learned how to use the pottery wheel this year, but he said he'd "really rather be painting."

Below: Jamie Herndon sits in the counseling center, waiting to get Sandy Brown or J.D. Hawkins to discuss the results of her PLAN test with her.

Left: Brandon Fifer, Angel Florres, and Brian Flynn share some quality time in the lounge between classes.

Above: John Armstrong writes diligently in the lounge.

# The Future Is Here

The members of the class of '97 have completed their first two years at University High School and have taken their place as the junior class. Now, with two classes under them, the new upperclassmen have some interesting things to say. Molly McCambridge looked to the future by saying, "It can only get better." "It sucks," Karen Choi said of her year. "You know why it sucks? PSAT, ACT, SAT 1, SAT 2, SAT 5!" explained Dan Kang. However, not all juniors were so negative. Transfer student Dan Behrns said, "My junior year rocks, because I came from a small hick town, and here I have a lot more freedom."

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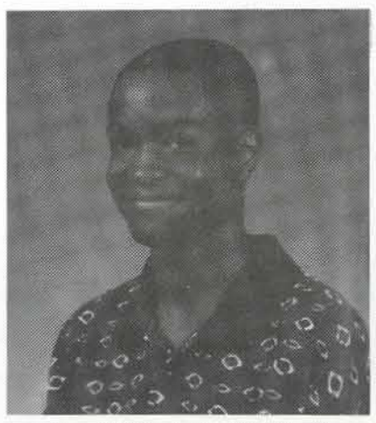
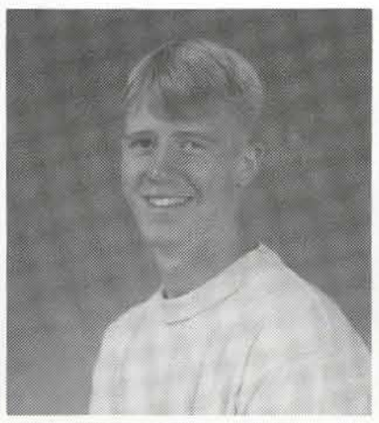
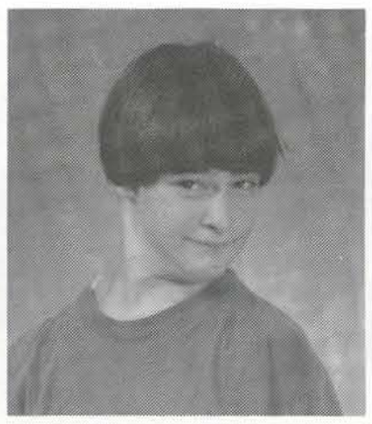
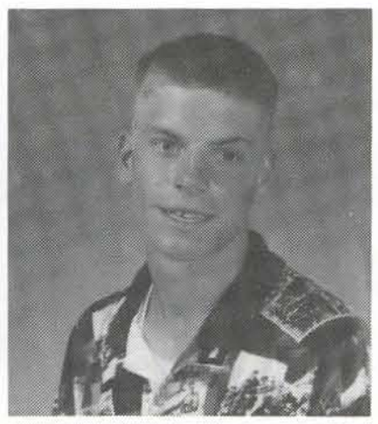
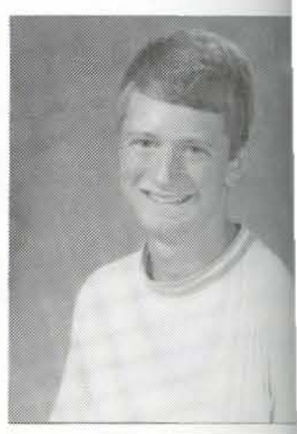

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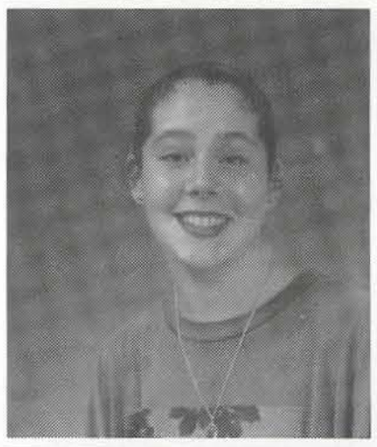
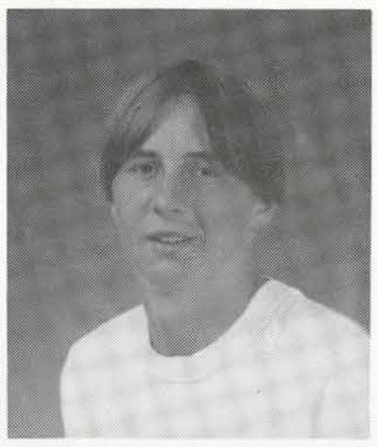
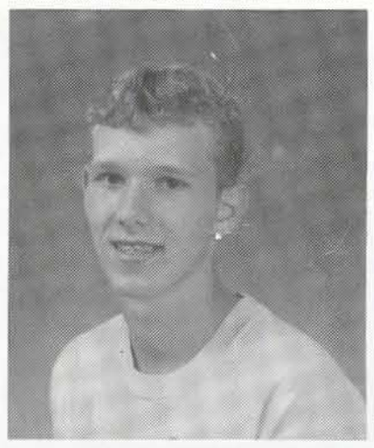
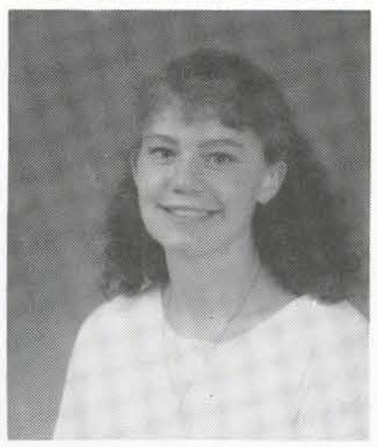
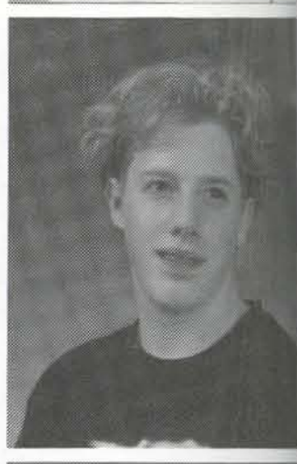

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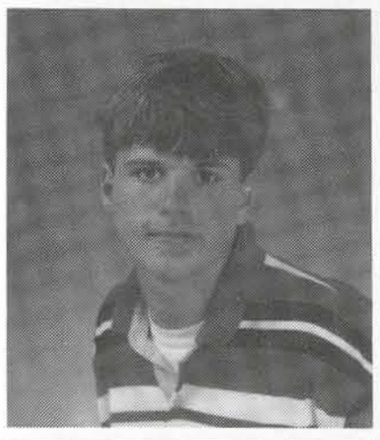
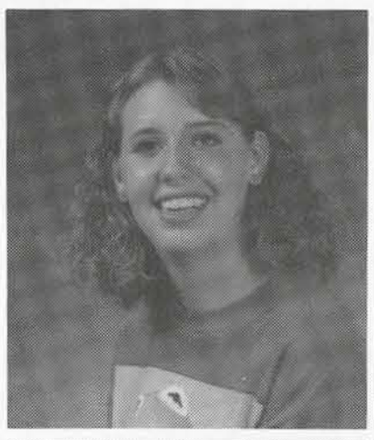
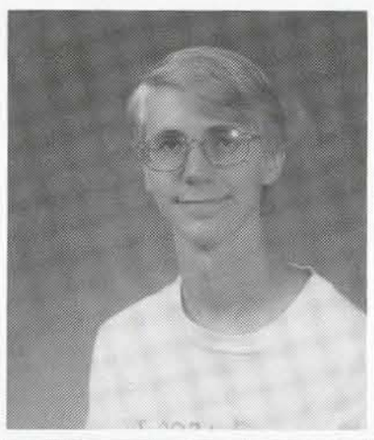

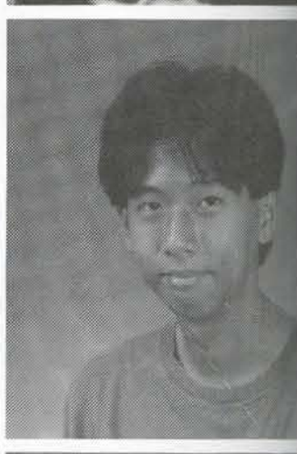

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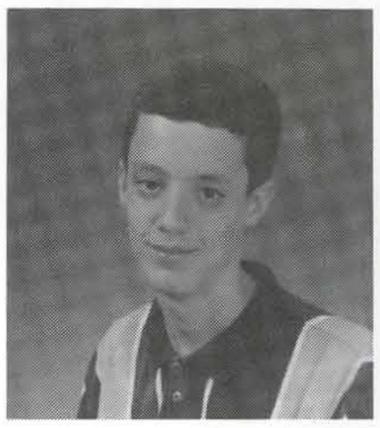
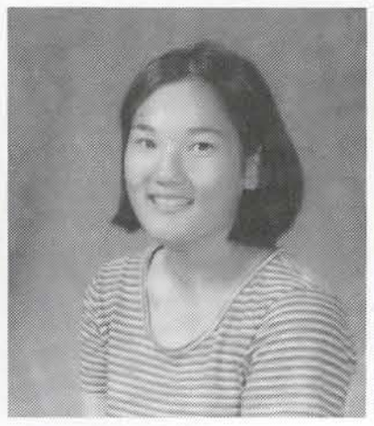
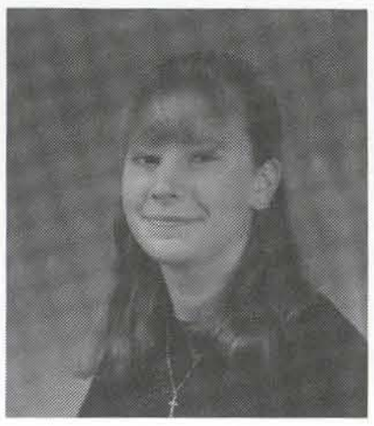
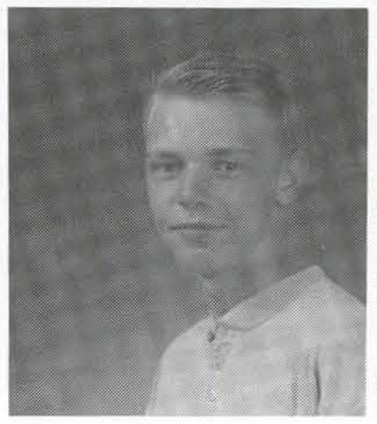
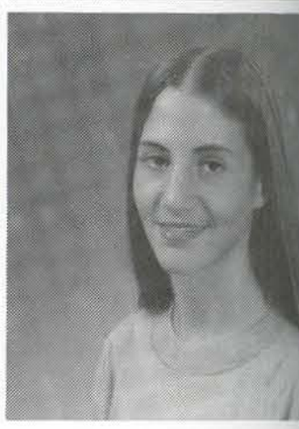

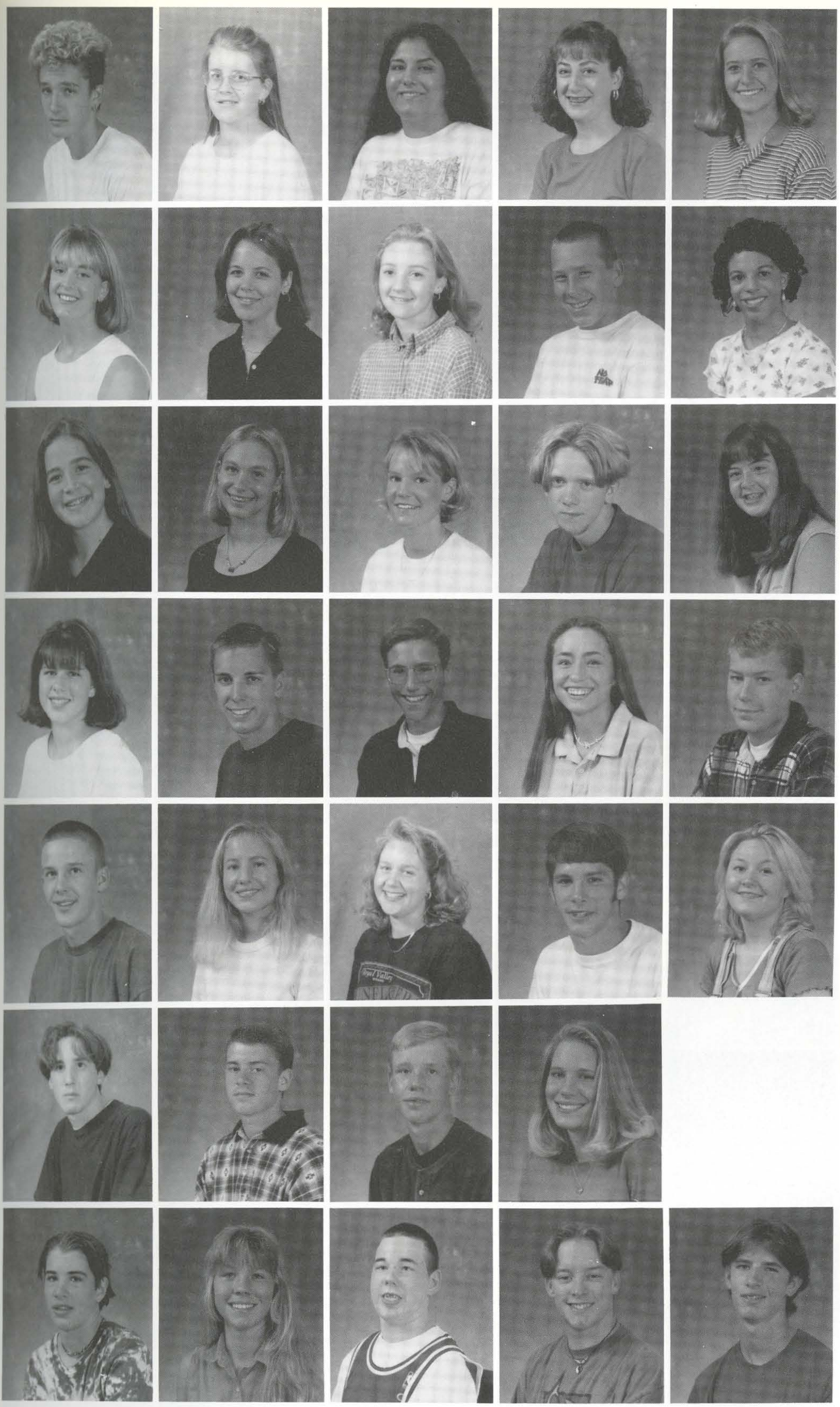

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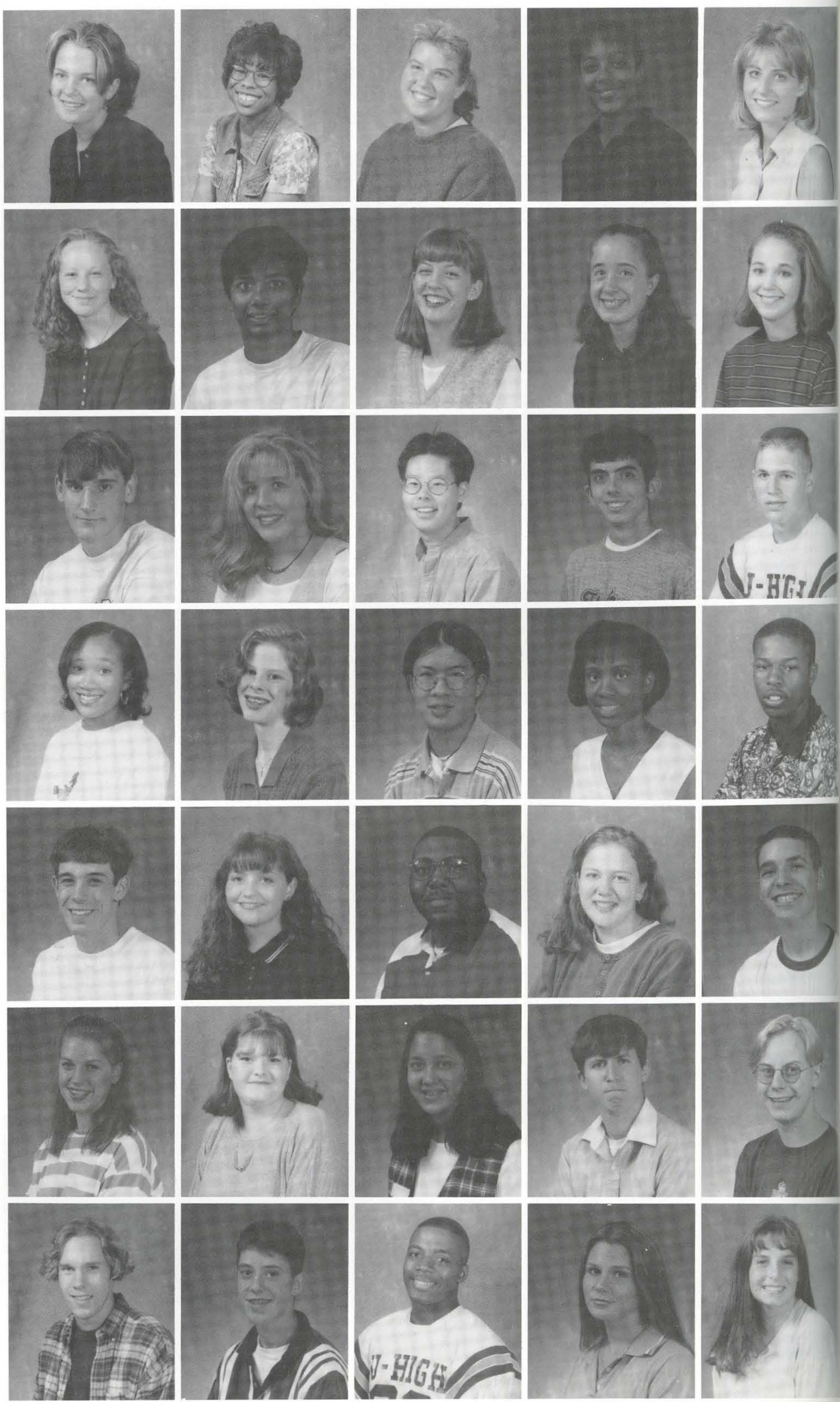

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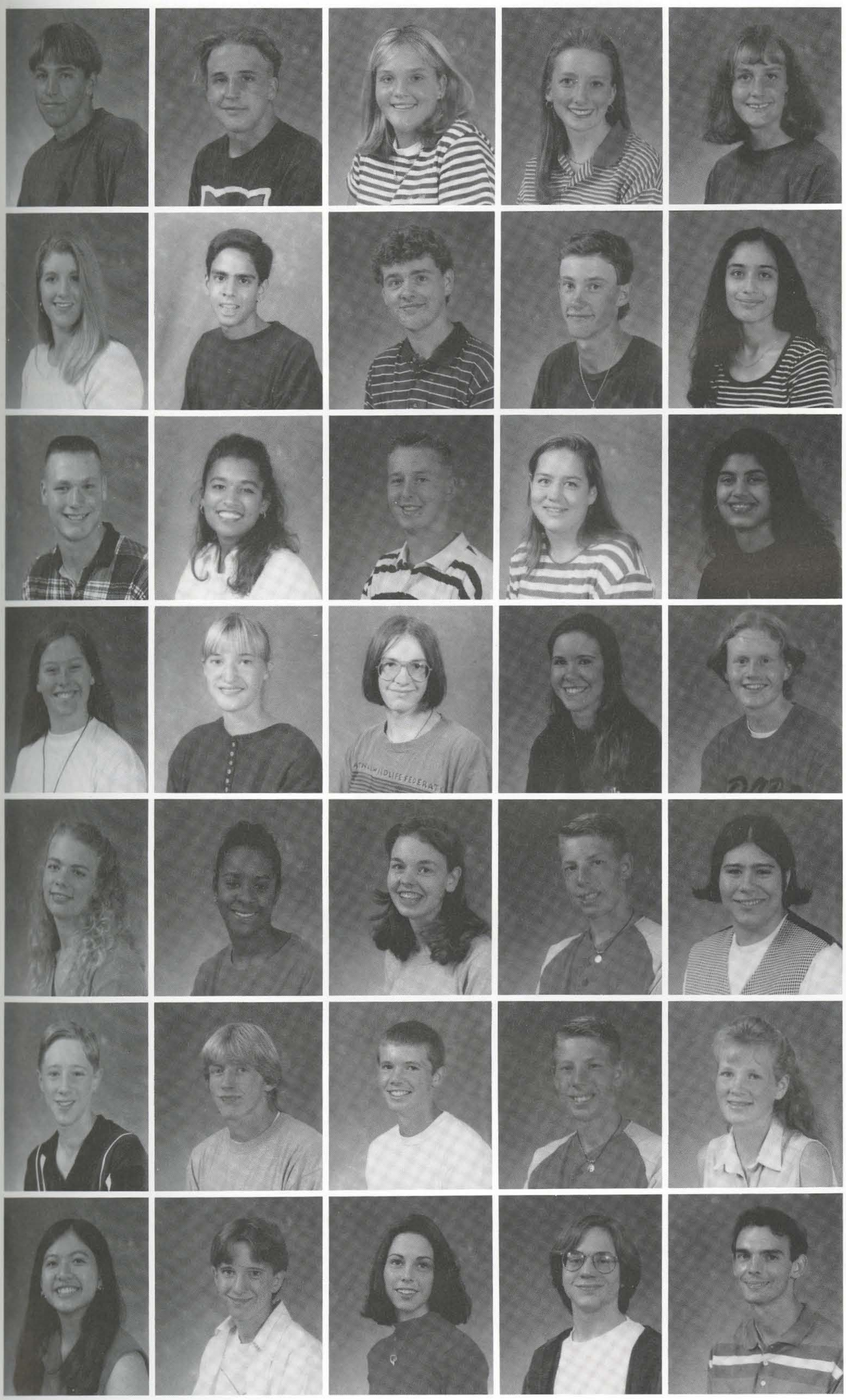

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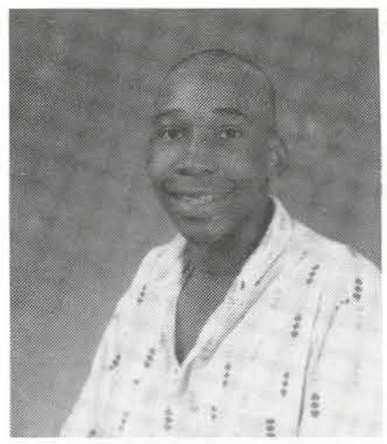
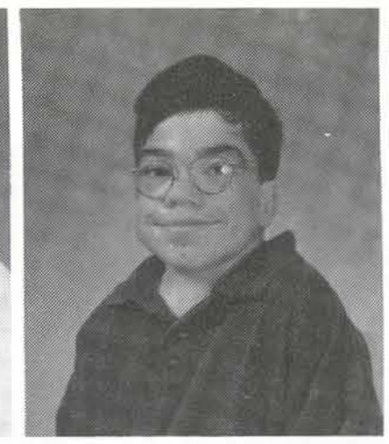

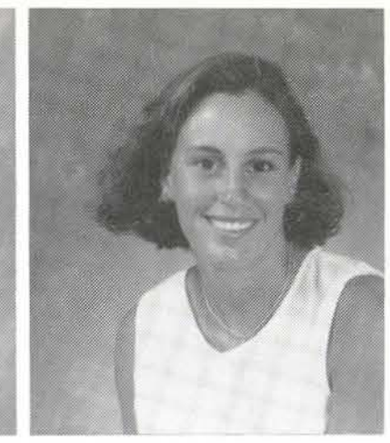
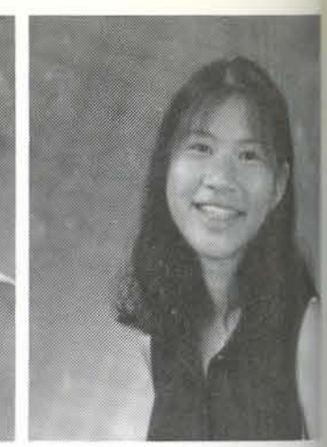
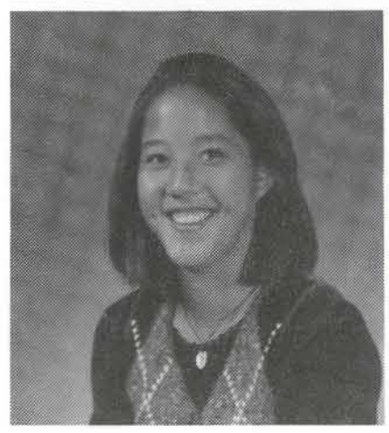

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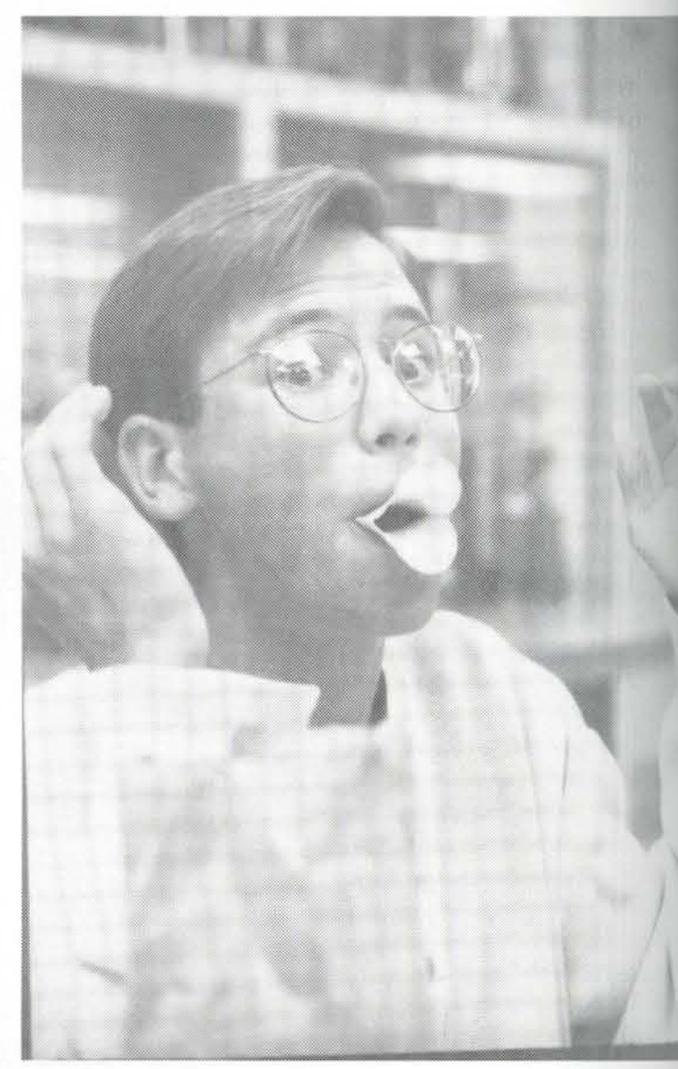
**Lauren Reno**
**Jeremy Stanton**

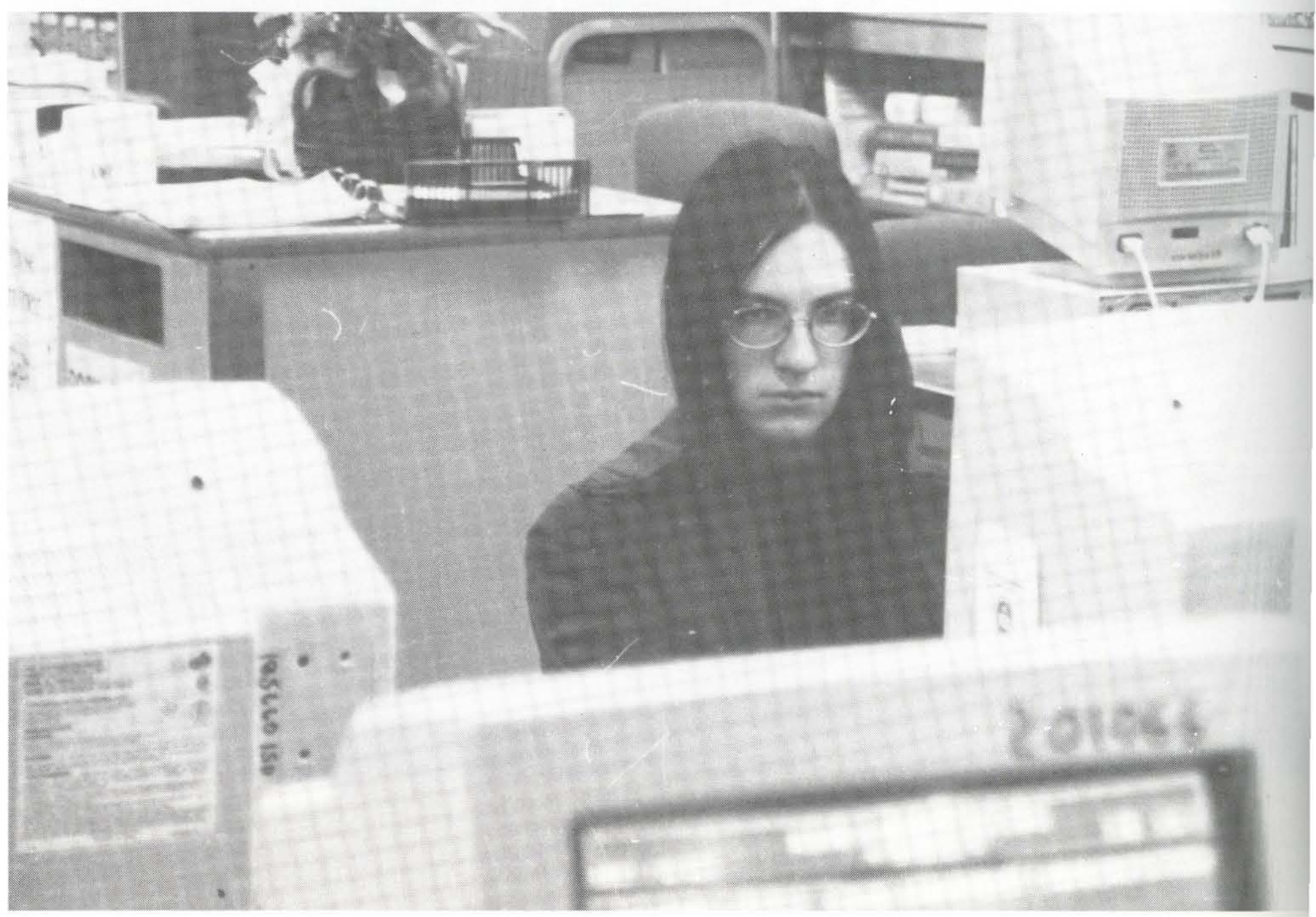


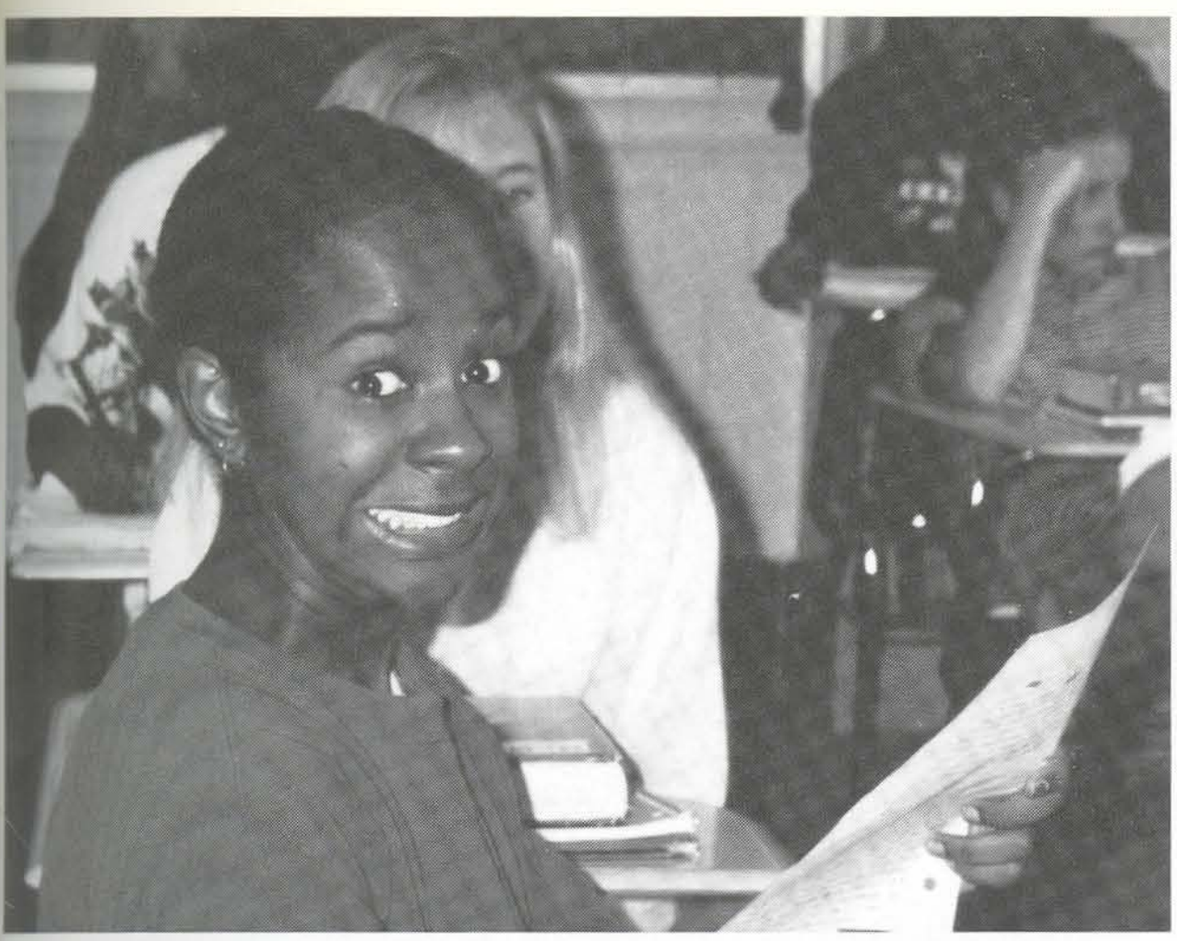
Above: Dan Behrns shows off his patriotismduring Spirit Week. Cross-dress day was one of the spirit days during the week preceeding Homecoming.

Above Center: Debbie Goldfarb and Judy Yin share a moment. Judy and Debbie participated in many activities together such as Student Senate.

Above Right: Dave Griffith makes an interesting face with his lunch. Dave is one of U-High's premier cartoonists.

Left: Although it isn't too apparent in this picture, Kurt Sanders enjoys computing in the library. Sanders and other Internet users were a common sight this year.





Left: Melanie Shinault grimaces as she looks at her test in U.S. History. "There is a fine line between life and death. With this grade, I know where I'll be," said Melanie.

Below Left: "Don't put that in the yearbook!" exclaims a shocked Jessica Hanlon. She could often be found sharing good times with friends around school.

# *Those crazy juniors*

Q: What do you miss most this year?

A: " Of all of the things that I've lost, I miss my mind the most. No, wait, I miss my American Lit. book more."

-Gary Thompson

Q: What's the most profound thing you can think of?

A: "Uh, I don't know--wait, sliced bread."

-JasonVanCauwenberge

Q: Who is the person you look up to the most?

A: "Hillary Rodham Clinton, because she's cool"

-Emily Yee

Q:What's the stupidest thing you've ever done?

A: "Taken Physics."

-Karen Choi

Q: What would you do if you could control the world?

A: "I'd be happy enough just to control my hair."

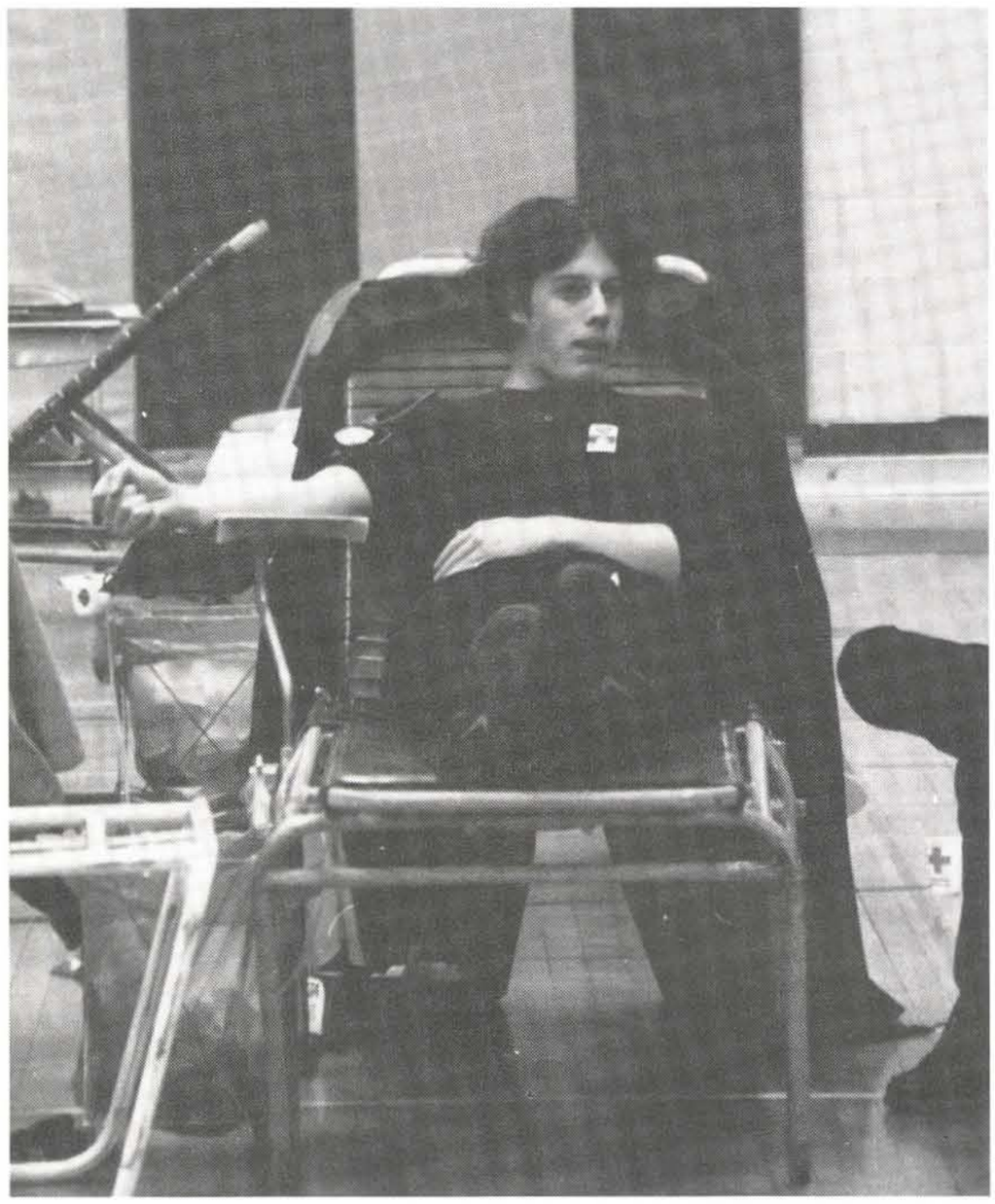
-Dan Behrns

Left: Julia Jarvis takes a moment out of her busy schedule to let photographer Noah Larsen snap her picture. "Don't you have anything better to do?" she inquired.

Above: John Kim looks quite dapper at a concert he gave. The recital, held at Presser Hall, included works by Beethoven and Mozart.

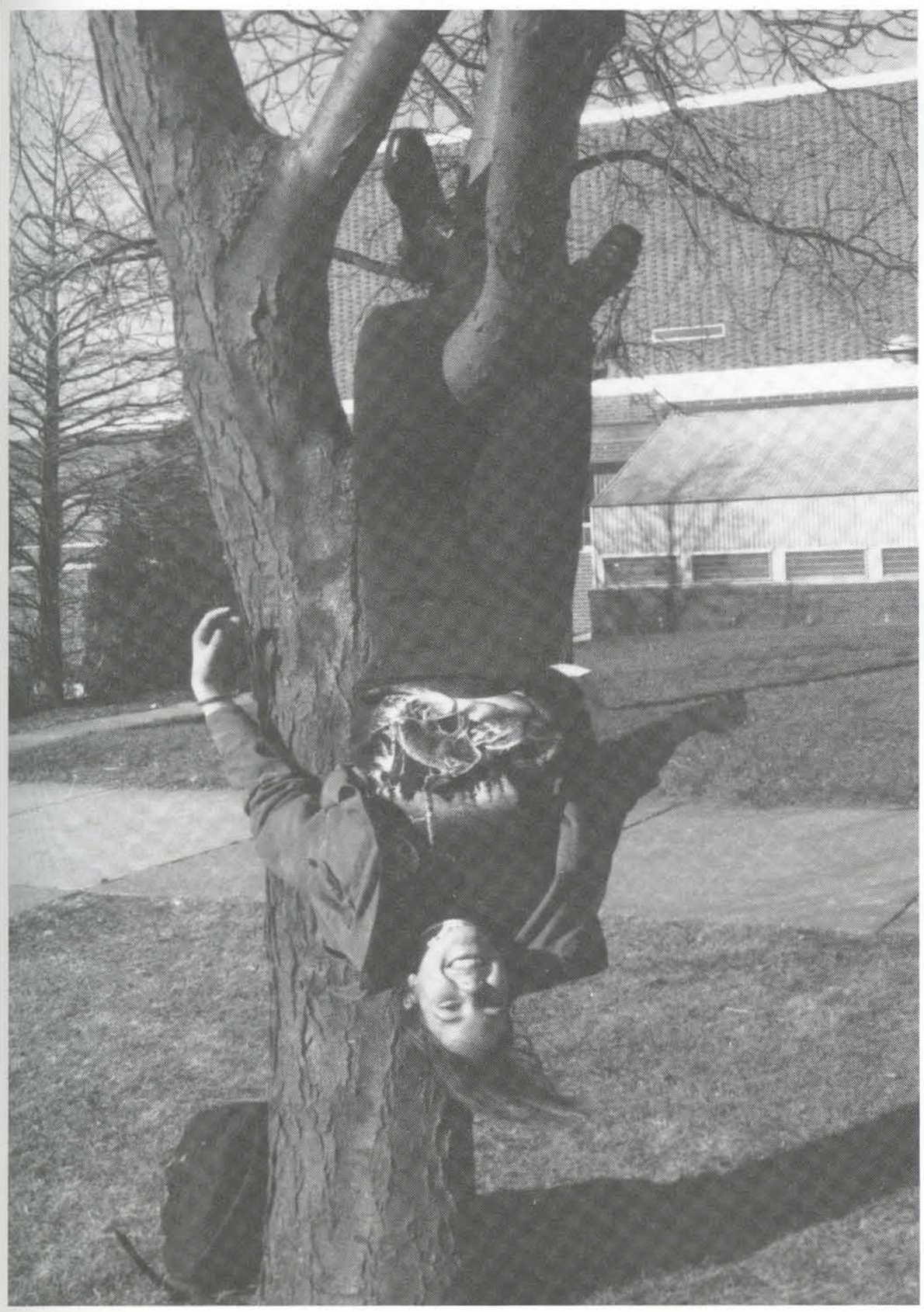
Below: Eww! Megan Yontz wipes the bugs off the front of the car she is washing. The junior class held a car wash in the fall to raise money for the class activities.

Right: Despite the December chill, the wall outside the art room entices Emily Yee and Grace Dessa to play on it. The pressures of finals and school made some students feel the need to let loose.



Above: Dan Behrns participates in the blood drive. Many students bravely faced the needles, dizziness and fainting spells to save lives. Donors also received free t-shirts.

Right: David Phillips and Paul Brooks enjoy an unusually warm December moment on the stairs to the pit. Juniors found themselves busier than ever before, so moments like these were rare.



## *Question: What movie or TV show best represents your junior year?*

"*Seinfeld,* because it's about nothing, and that's what our conversations are."

- Dave Griffith and Sohal Patel

"*Melrose Place.* 'Cause I'm entangled with so many men (just kidding)."

- Beth Skolmoski

"*Dumb and Dumber.* That's how I felt afterward."

- Giang Tang

"*Dances with Wolves.* 'Cause it's long and boring."

- Sarah Colba

"*Swing Kids.* It's the same because there are people out to get us, but we still get to dance and have fun."

- Anthony Mathile

Left: Trudi Schoening demonstrates her acrobatic talent by hanging upside-down from a tree. The lack of playground equipment made the tree an ideal climbing space while waiting for rides.

Above: Josh Gibson, sporting a newly shaven head, takes a break in band to daydream. Josh played tenor saxophone in the U-High band.

# The future begins here...

Above: Rachel Harris, Christine O'Connor, Amanda McKnight and Kelli Mankhe have formed such a strong friendship that it was able to withstand the ups and downs of the last four years.

On May 23, the class of 1996 walked out of Stroud Auditorium for the last time. They said the goodbyes, they shed the tears, but in the end they could not have been happier to start the next phase of their lives. From the start the class of 1996 has shown determination and a will to suceed. In the four years at U-High, the seniors have strengthened many of the academic and athletic programs. The senior thespians and tech crew have built U-High's theatre department up and beyond standards. Likewise the senior athletes have helped place in state in cross country, girls and boys basketball, golf, softball and baseball. And who can forget the senior senate members who have helped promote many clubs such as Key Club and Captains. The Class of 1996 has proven to be one of the most successful classes to ever walk through the doors of U-High.

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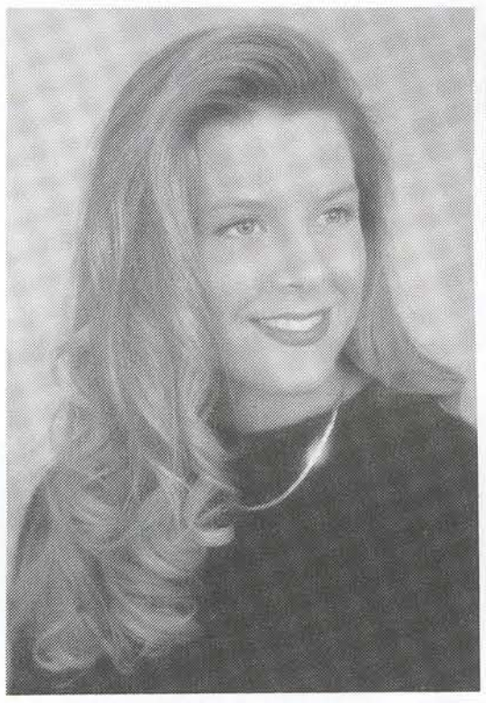

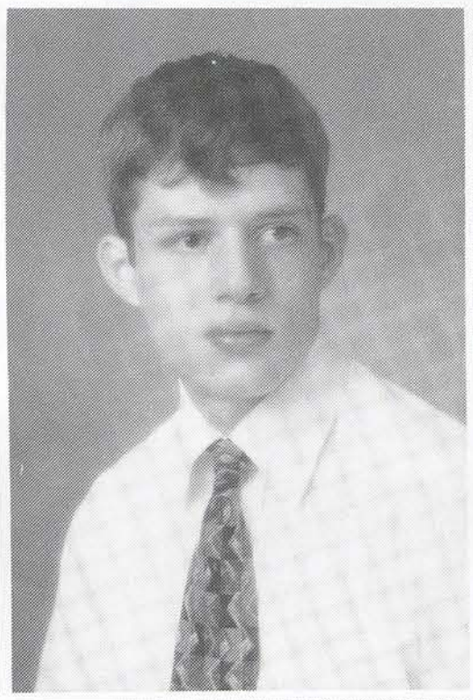

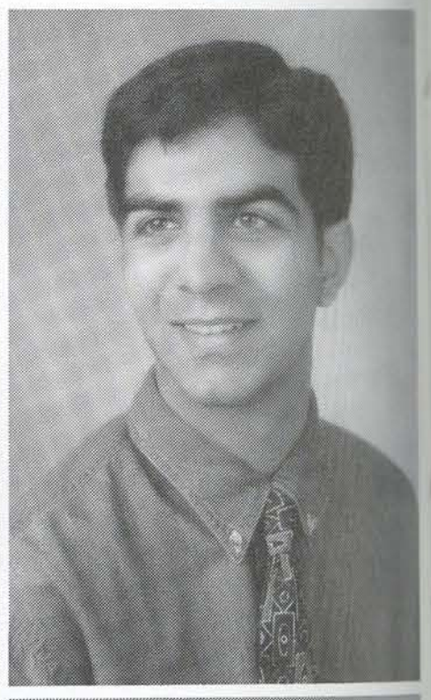

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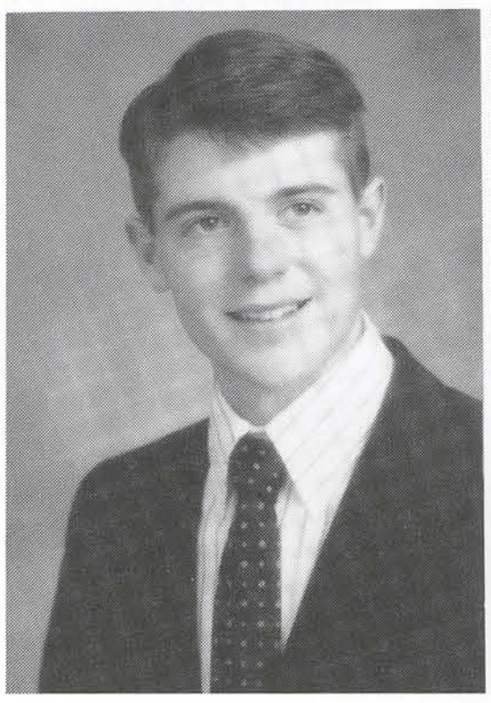

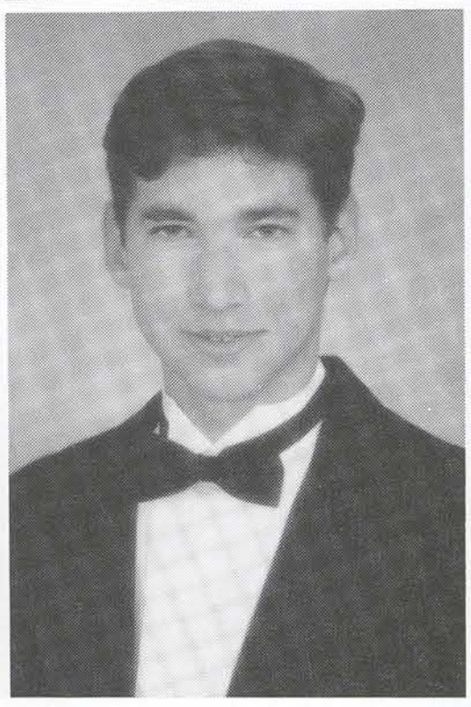

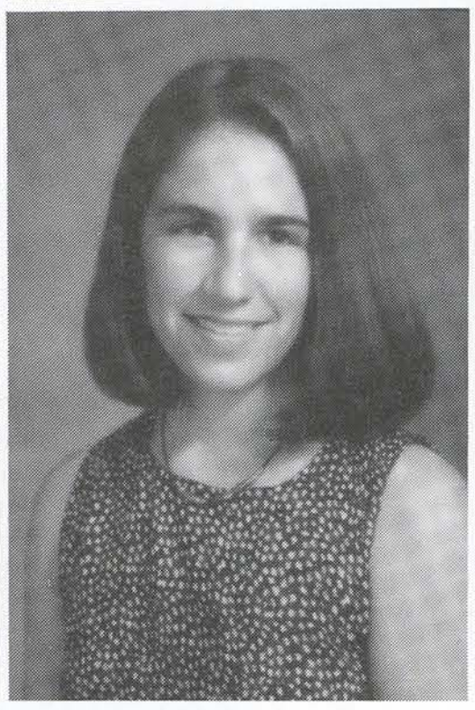

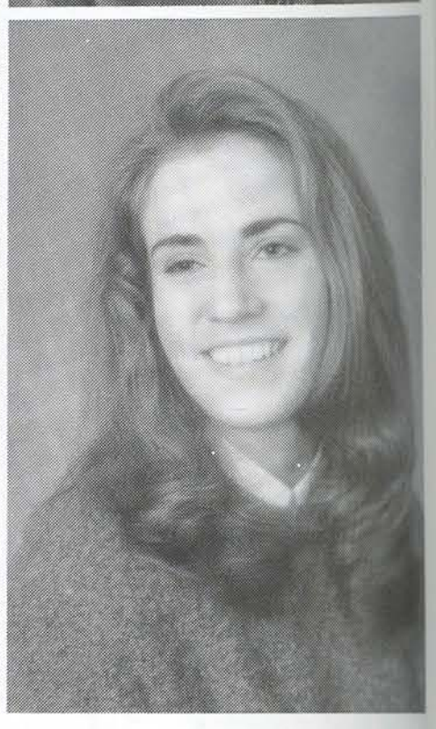

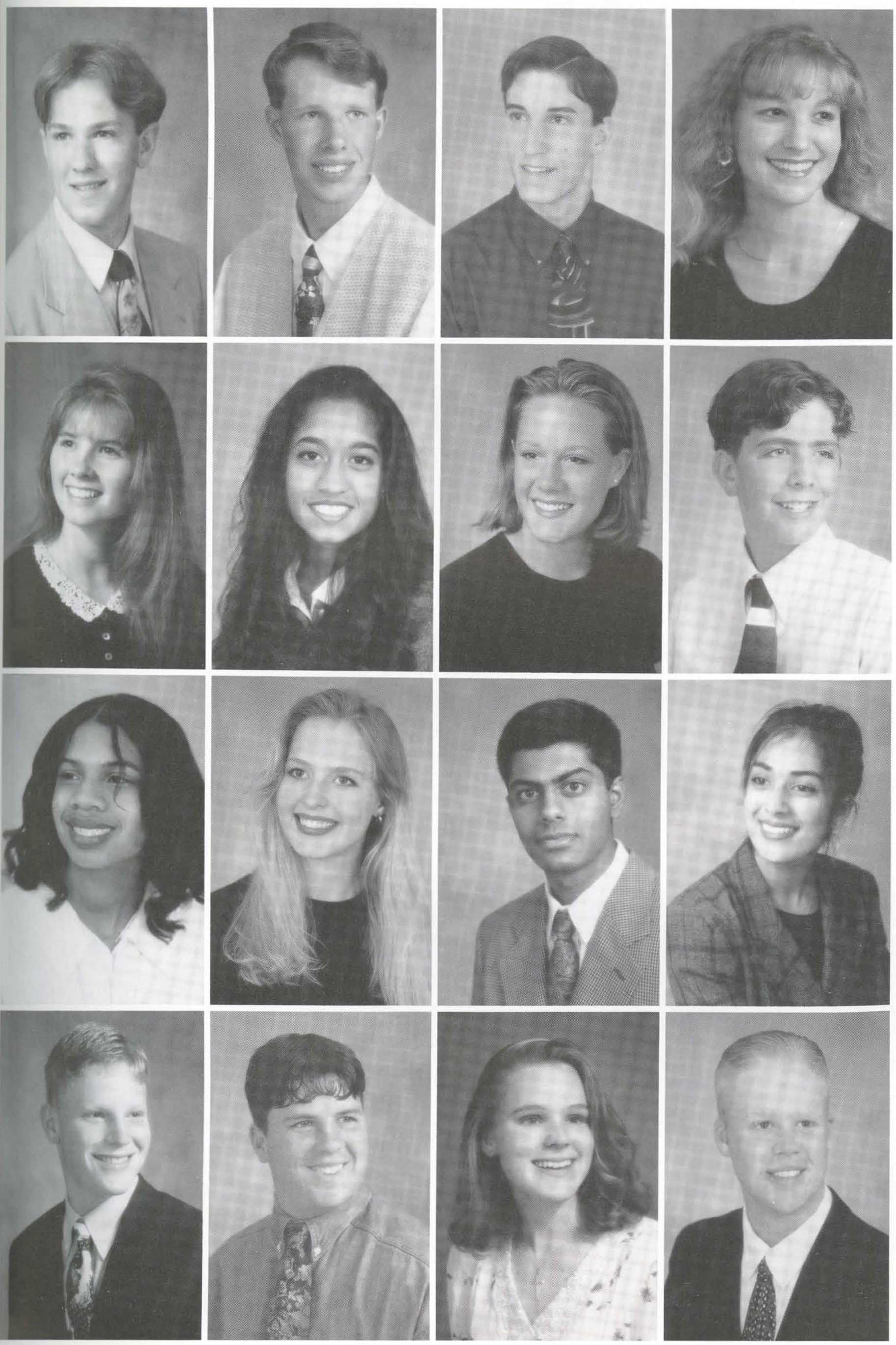

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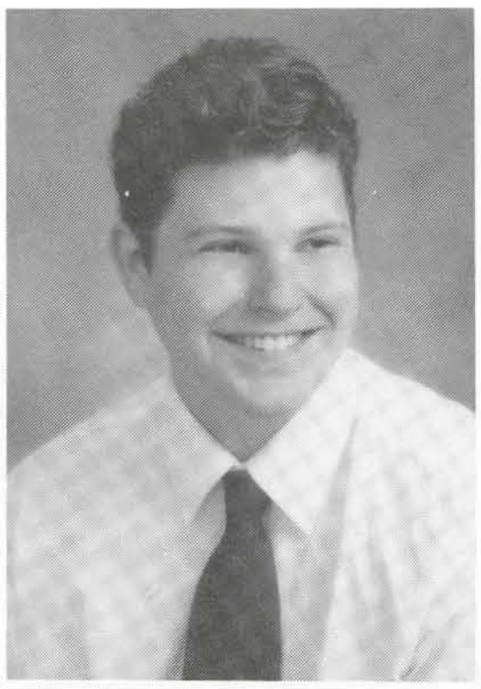
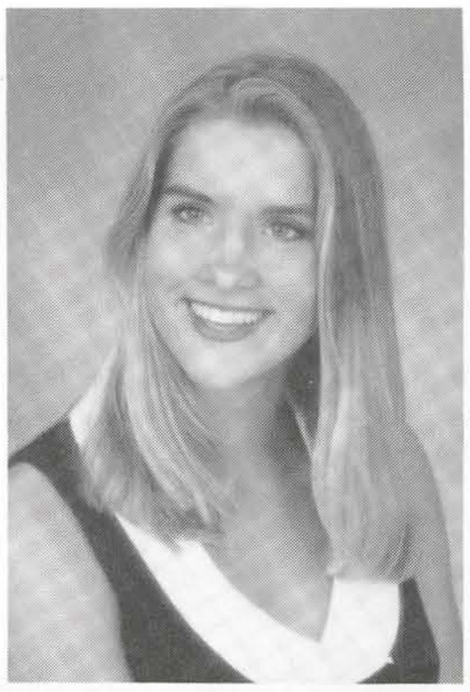
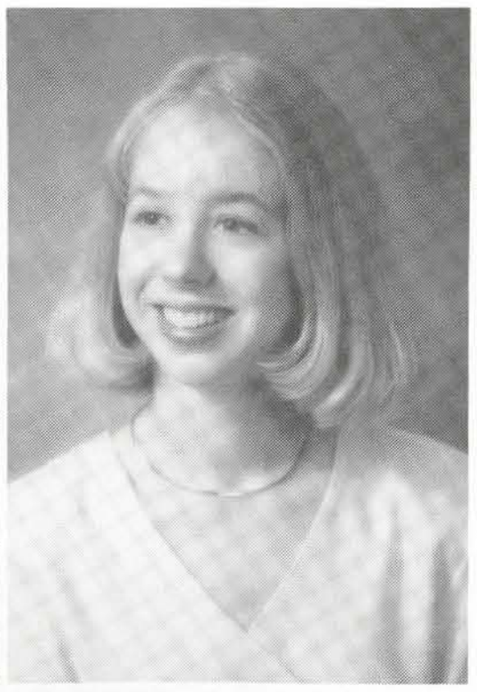
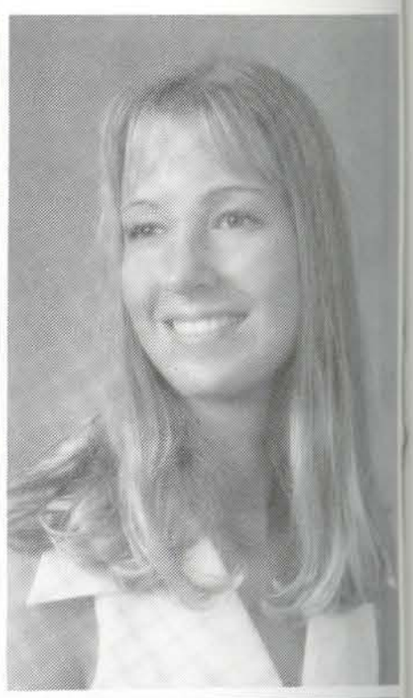

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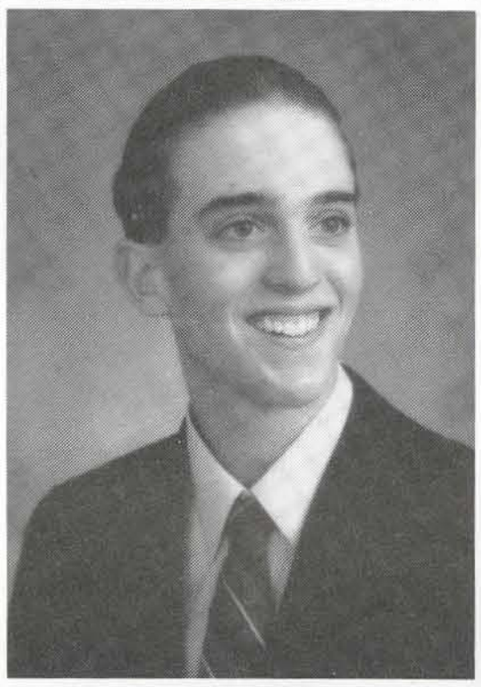
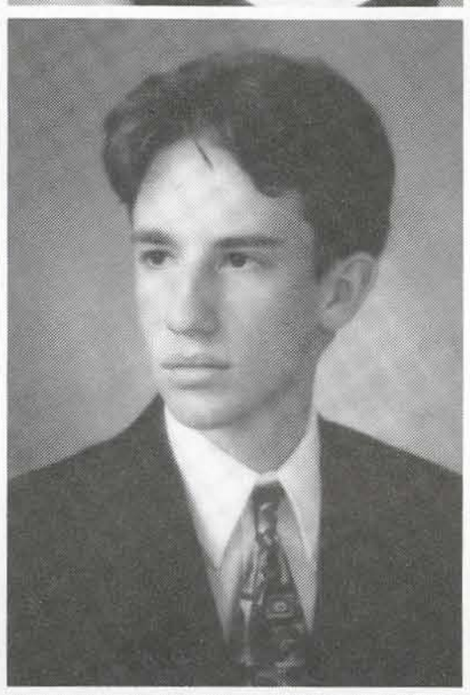
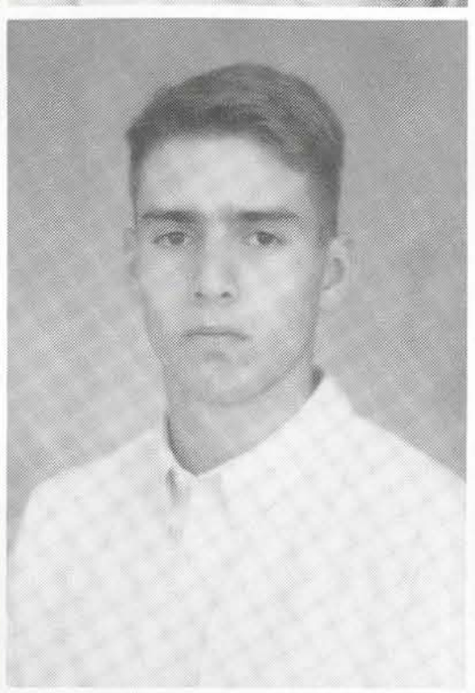
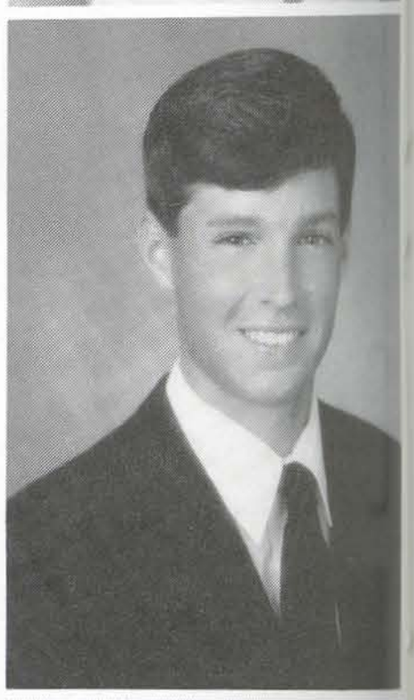

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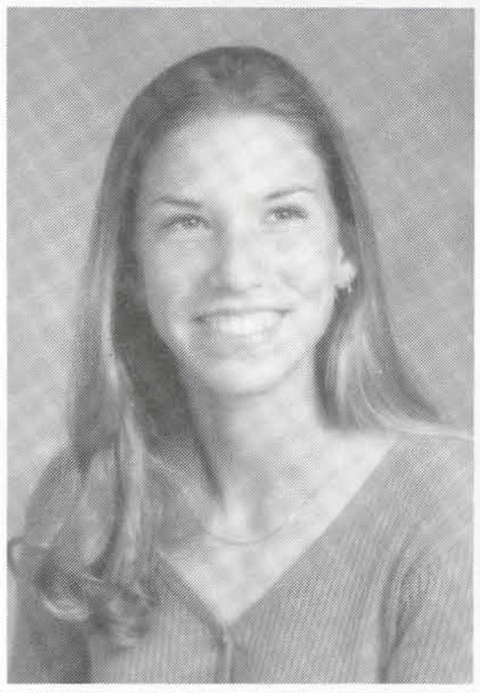
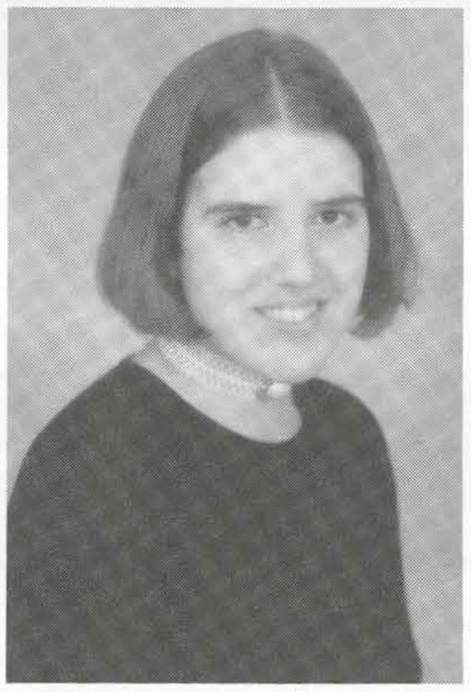
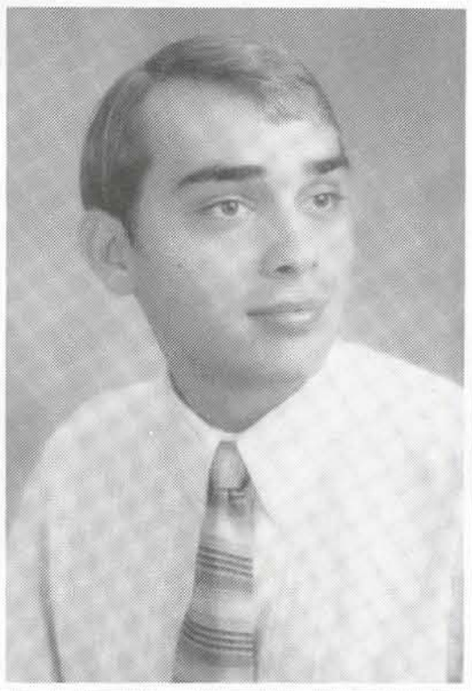

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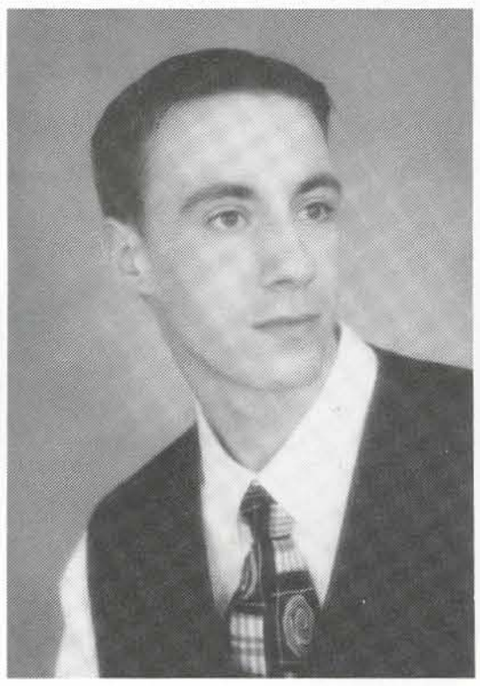
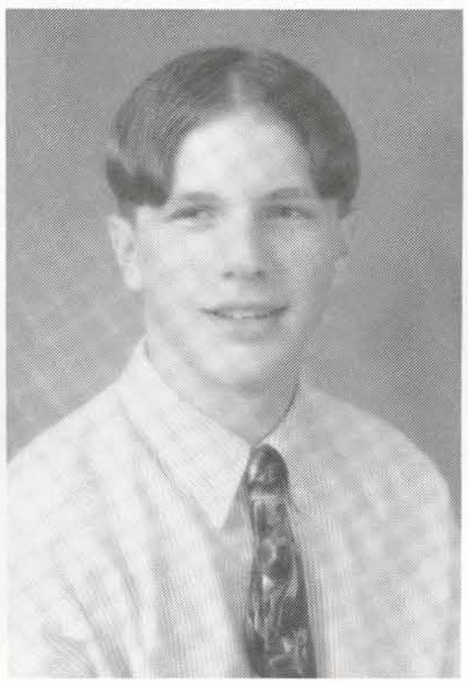
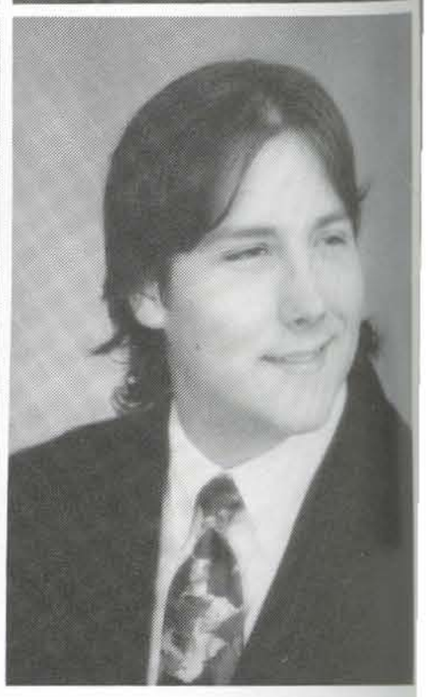
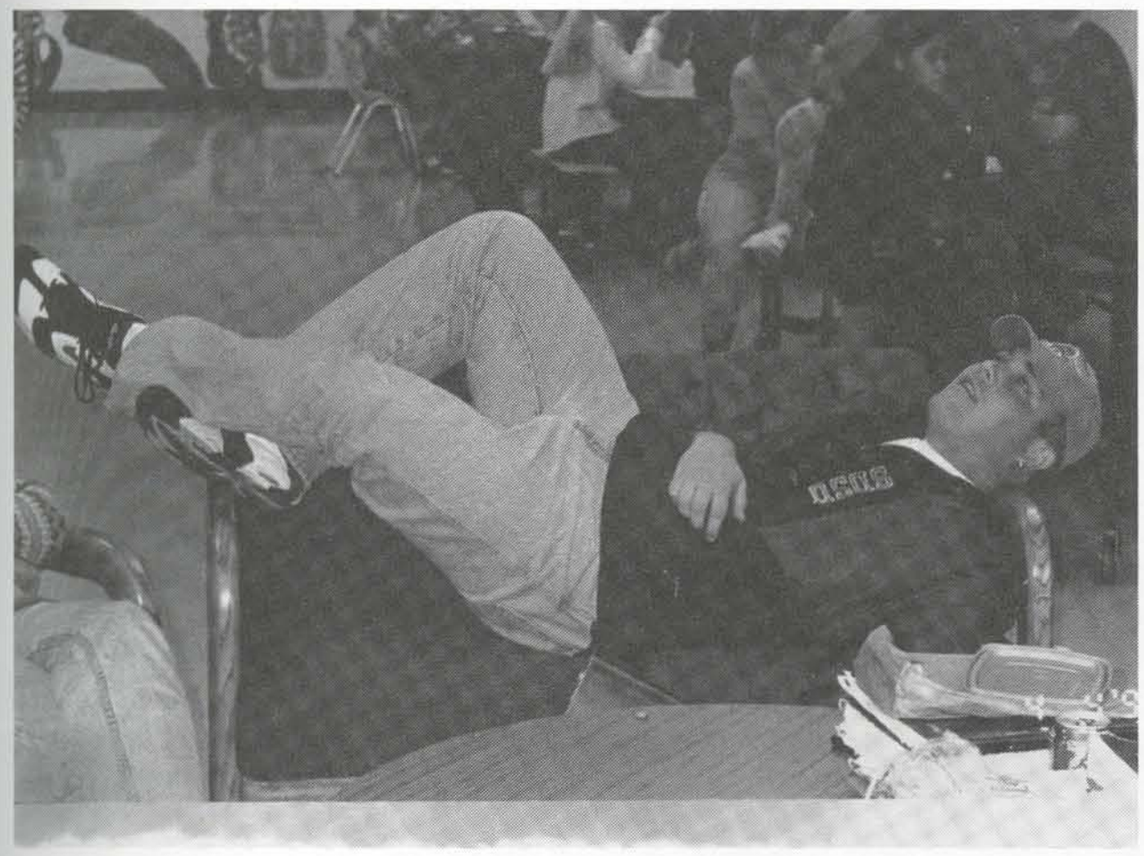
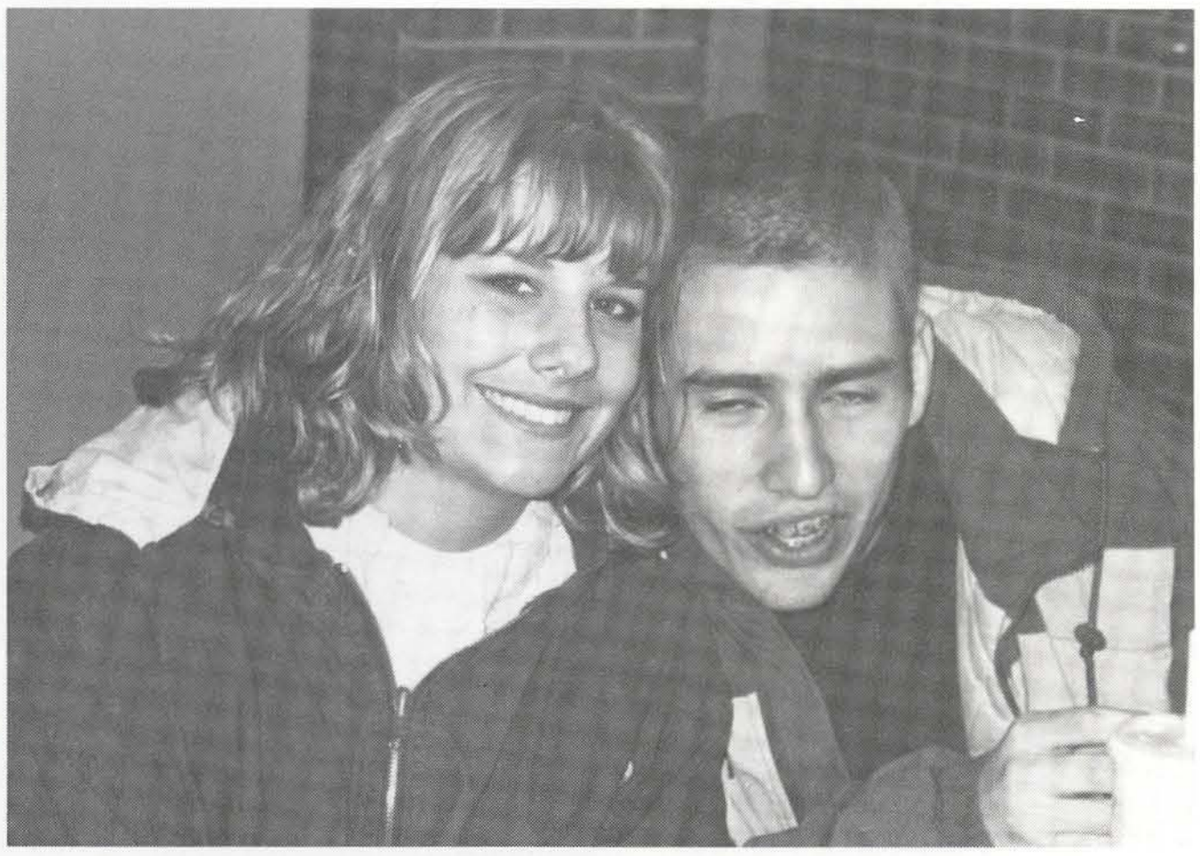



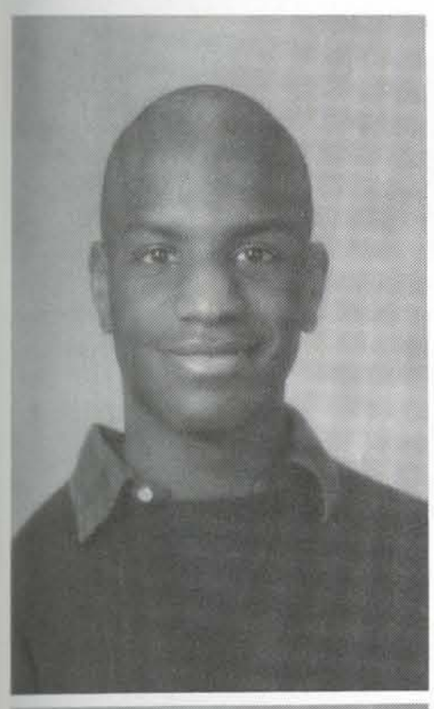


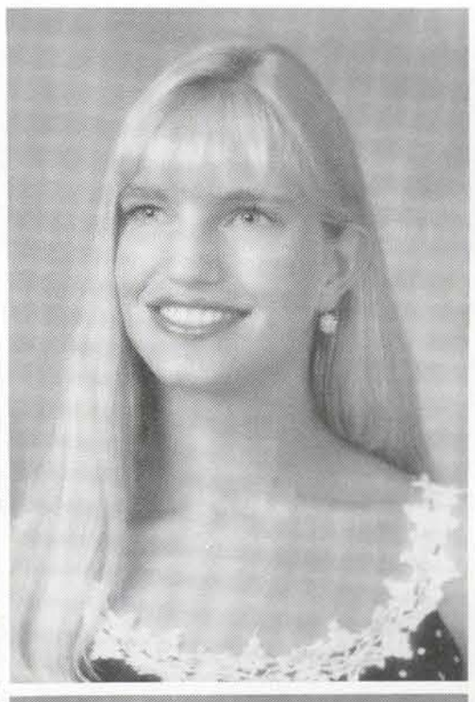


Above: Adam Nord takes a breather on the new lounge furniture in between his classes. Seniors actually got a couple months of use out of the lounge furniture that was promised about two years ago.



Above: Kristin Smith and Marty Deutsch eat lunch together in the lounge. During the past four years the two have become good friends.





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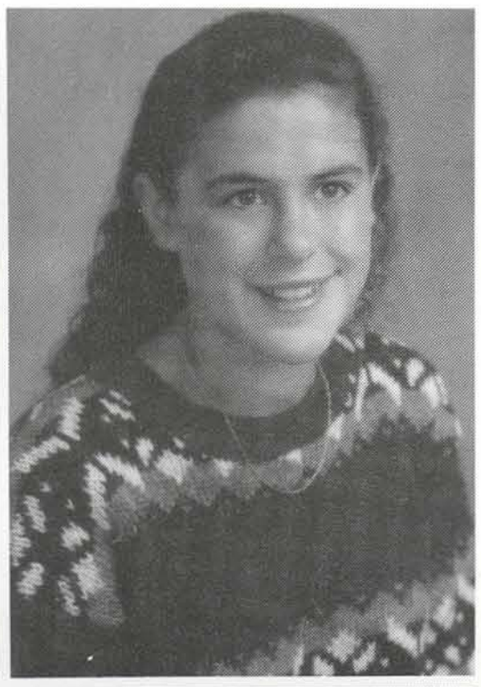

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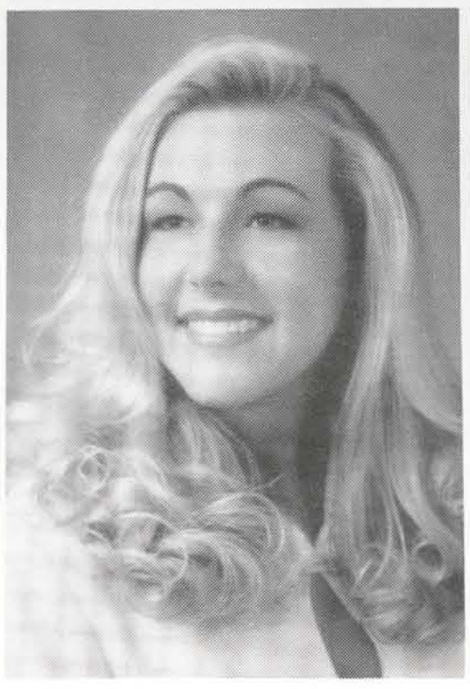

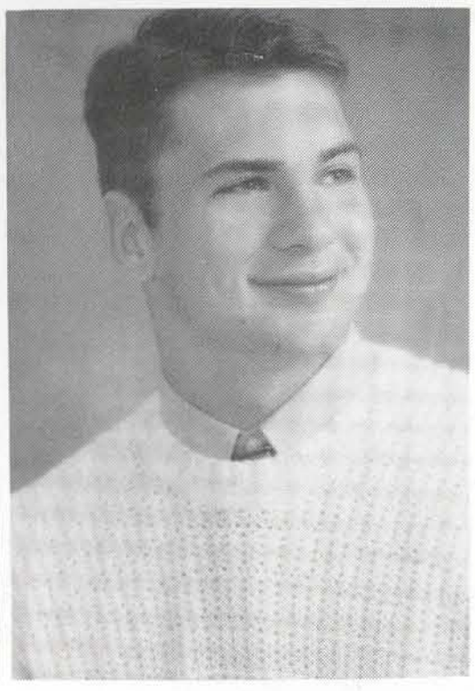

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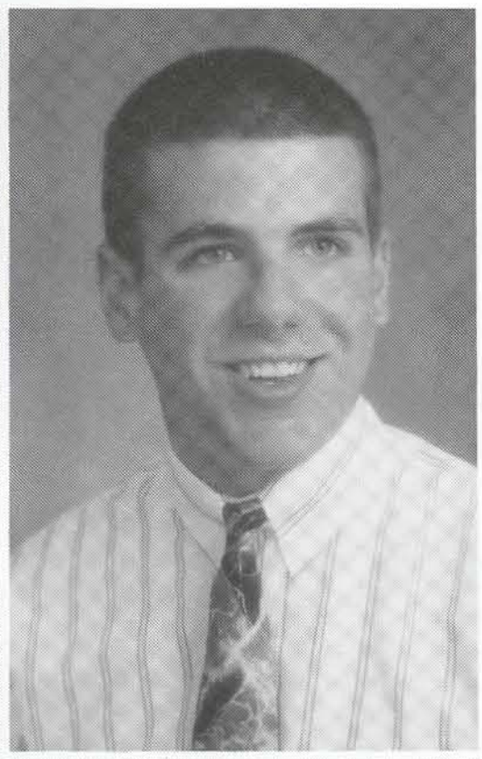
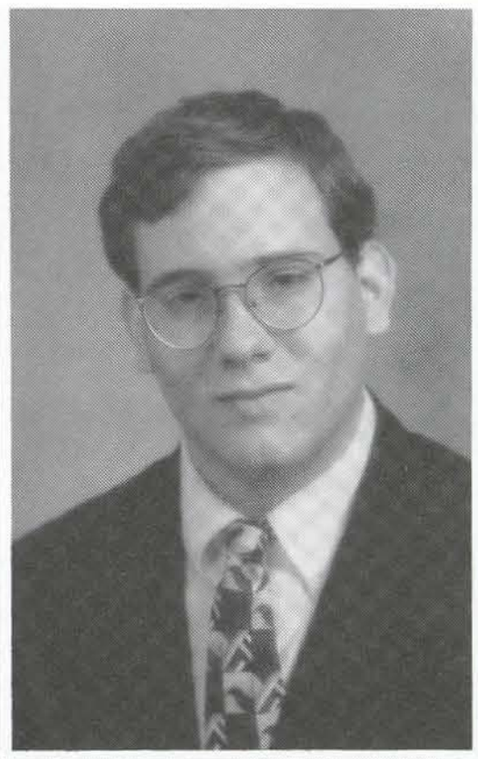
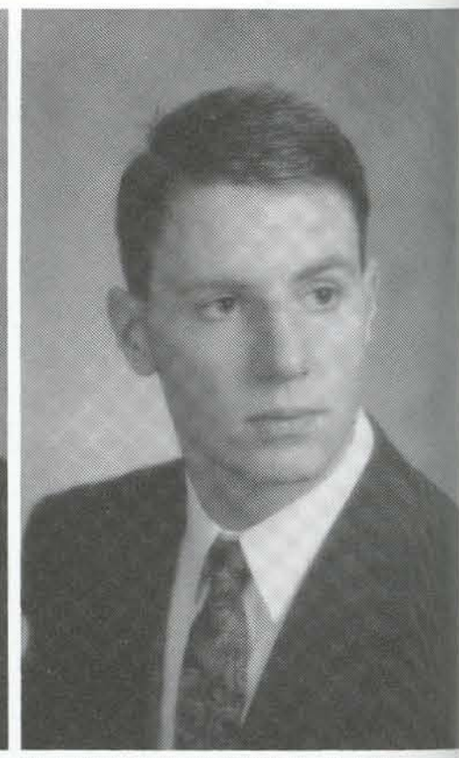

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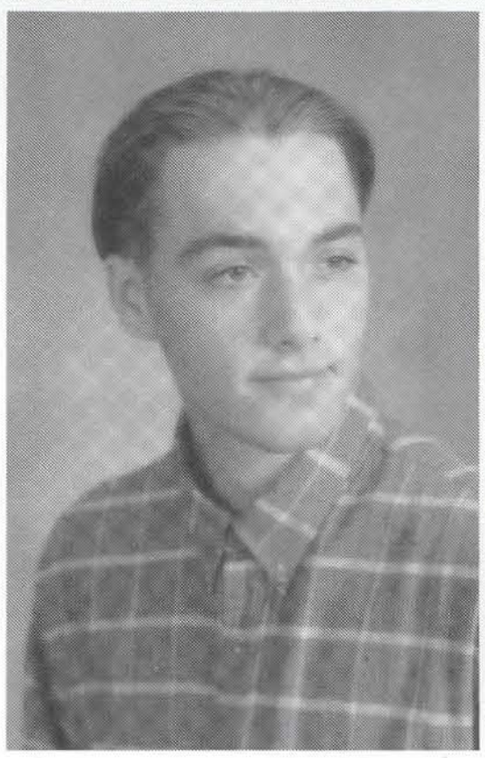
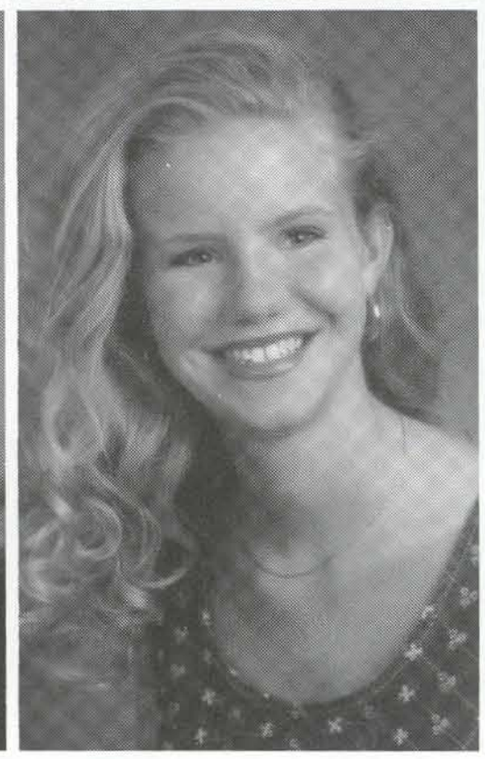
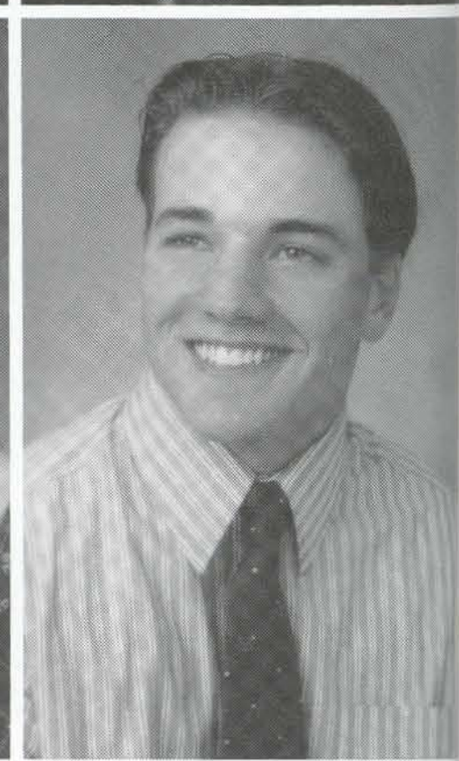
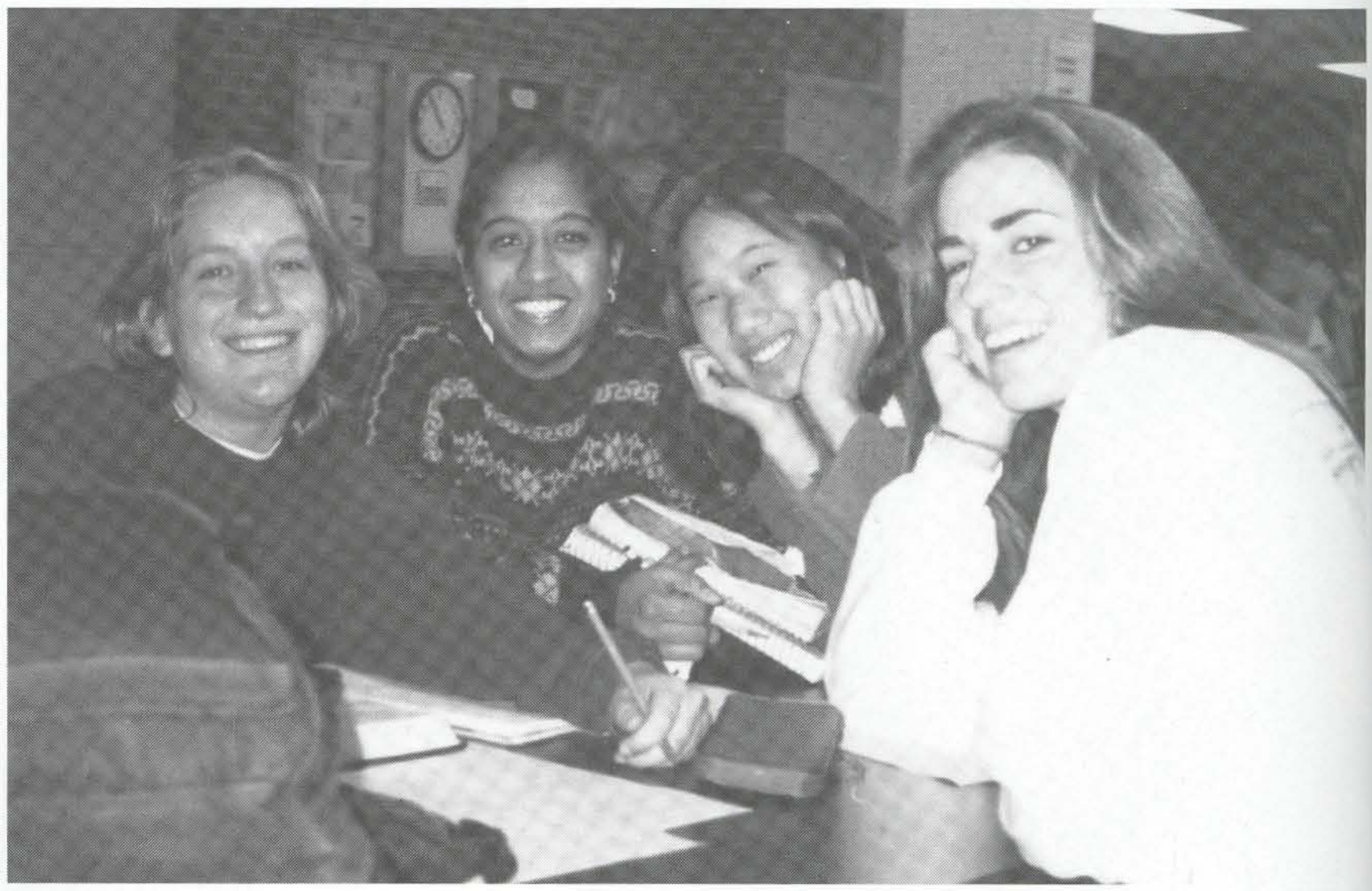


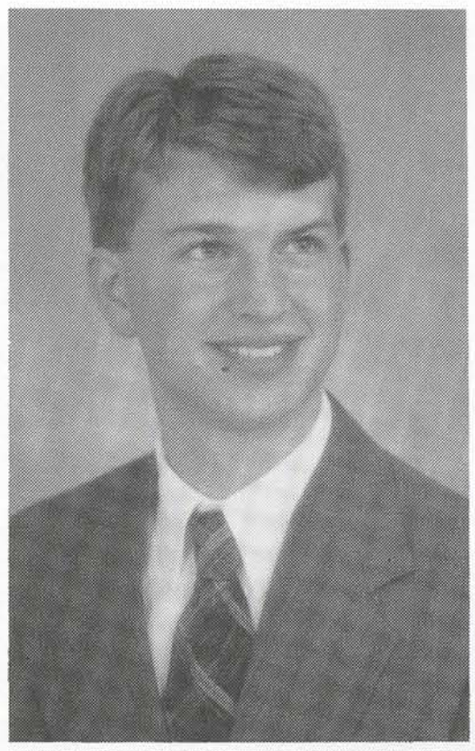
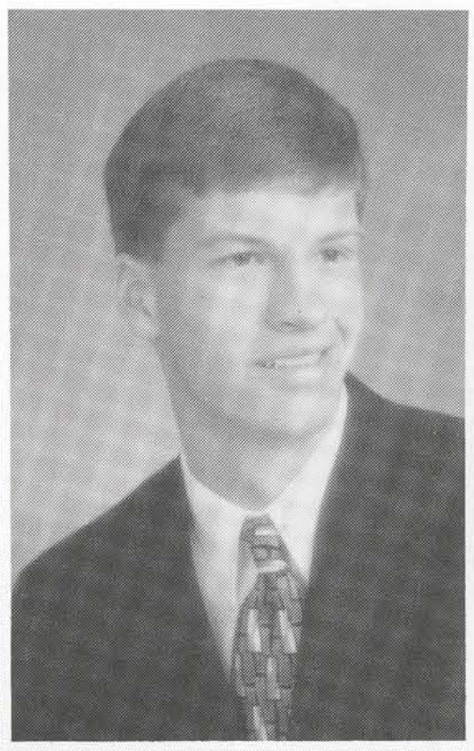



The stereotypical image of senior year consists of a laid-back anticipation for summer, parties and college plans for the next year. But senior Senate members at U-High have a different story. "We have been really busy this year," said senate member Sarah Stuckey. "We have the usual Senate activities on top of a lot of senior duties."

Some of the important duties that Senate members undertake their senior year include such events as planning Senior Brunch, the class trip, Classnight and the class gift. "Getting senior activities organized is a long, drawn out process," said Senator Allyson Miller. "But in the long run it's worth it."



Above: Senate members Jayna Jones, Surekha Bhat, Stephanie Te and Anne Arnold take a few moments out of their hectic schedules to talk. These four seniors have remained close friends throughout their years at H-High.

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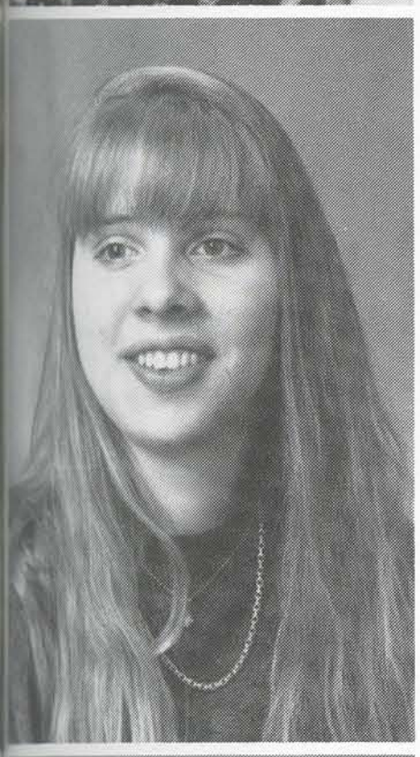
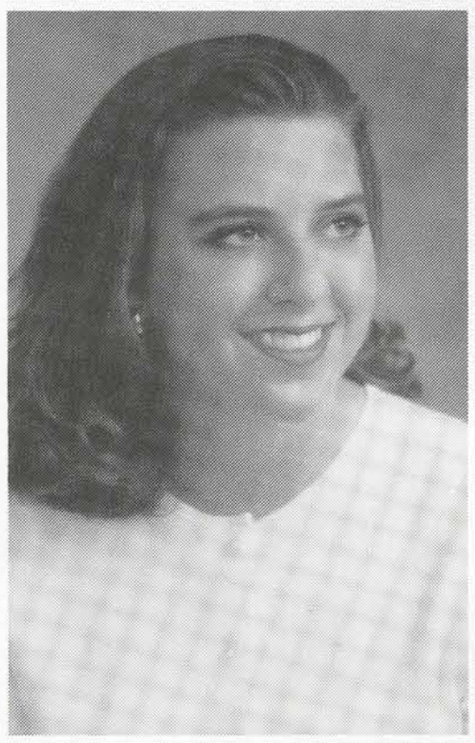
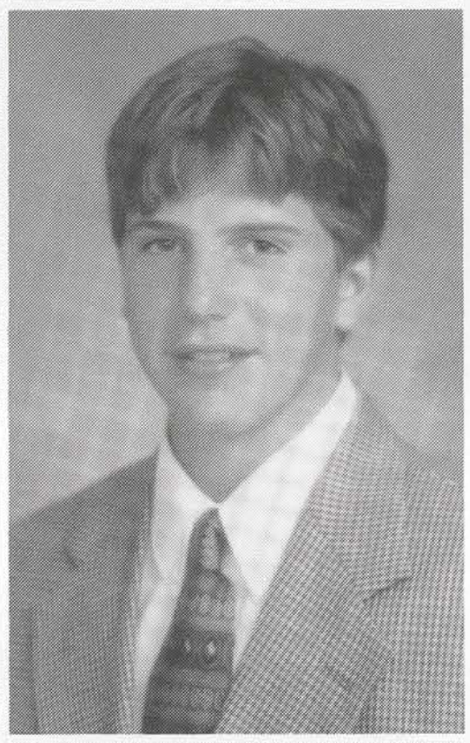
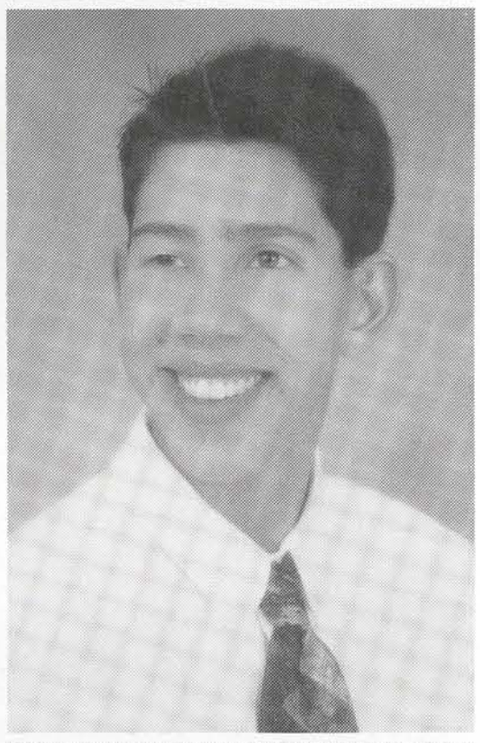

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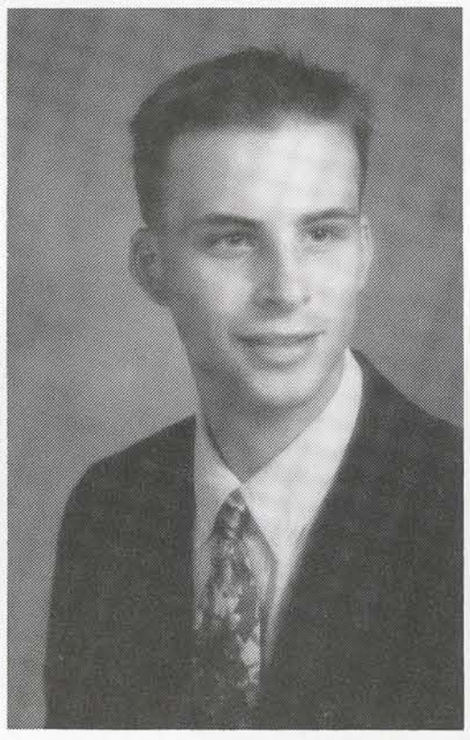

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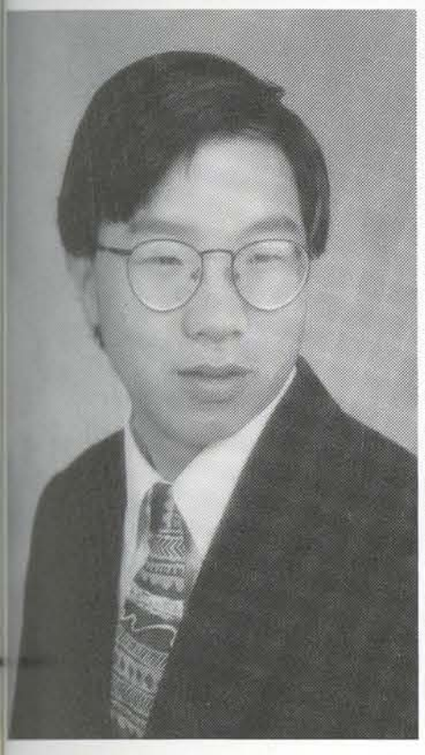

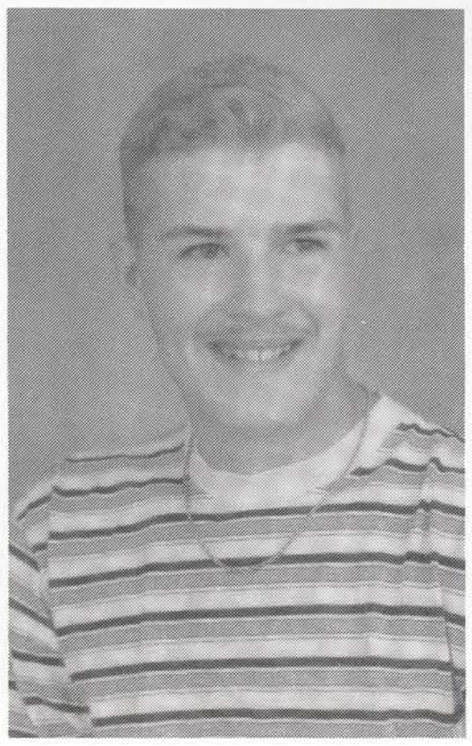
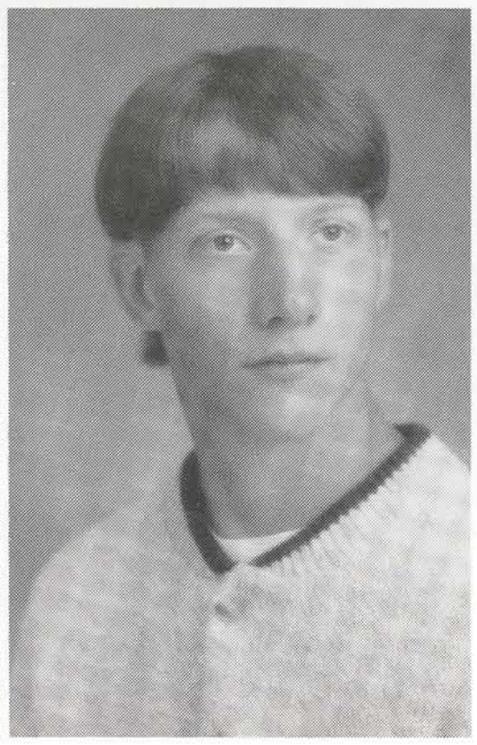

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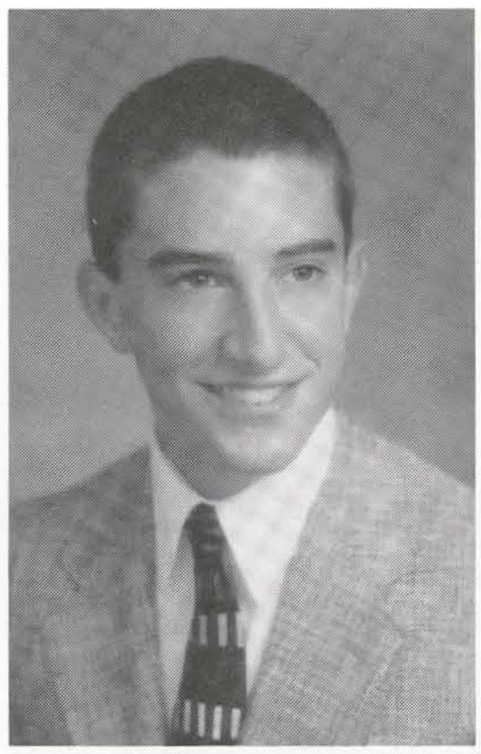
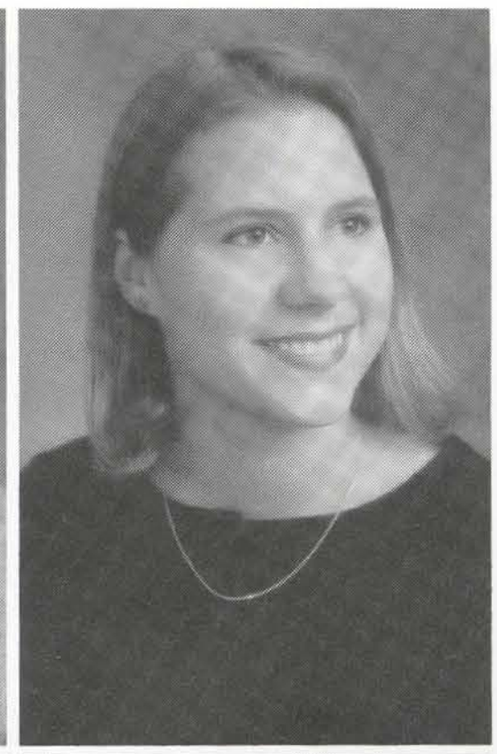
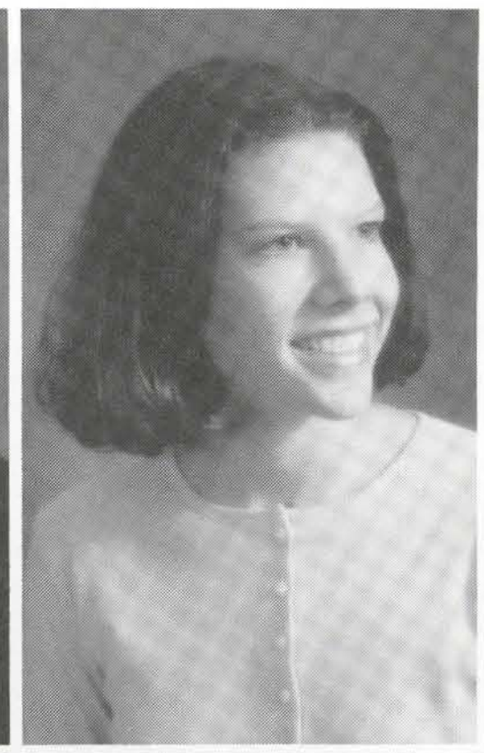
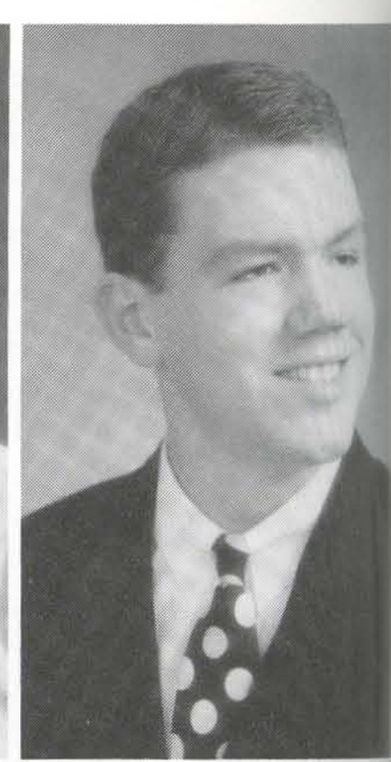

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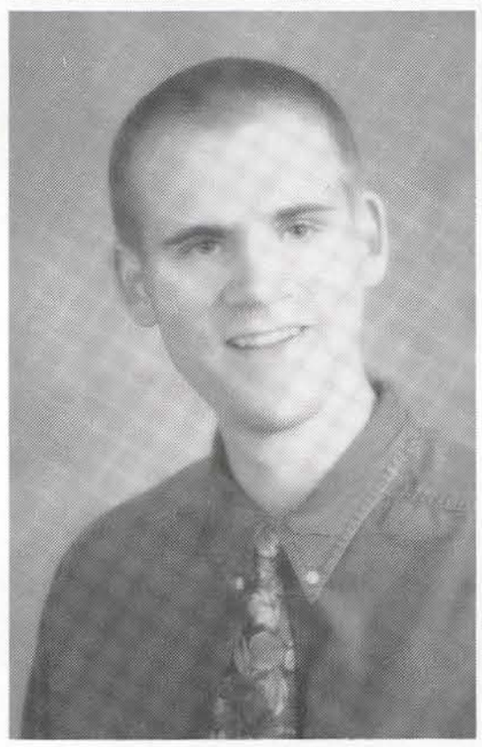
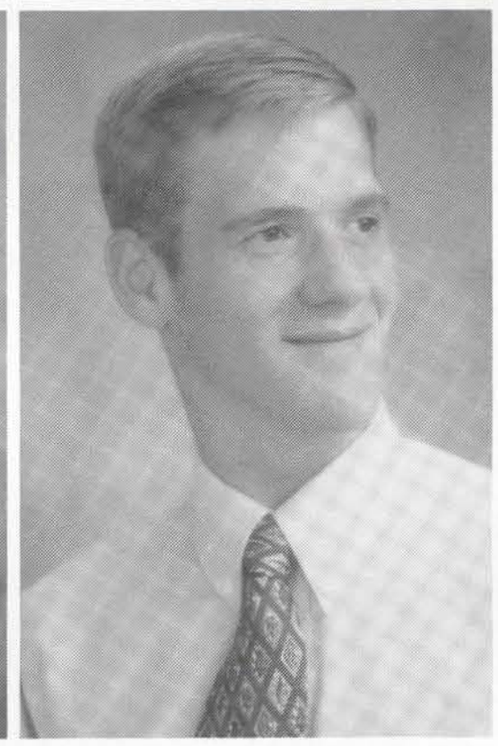
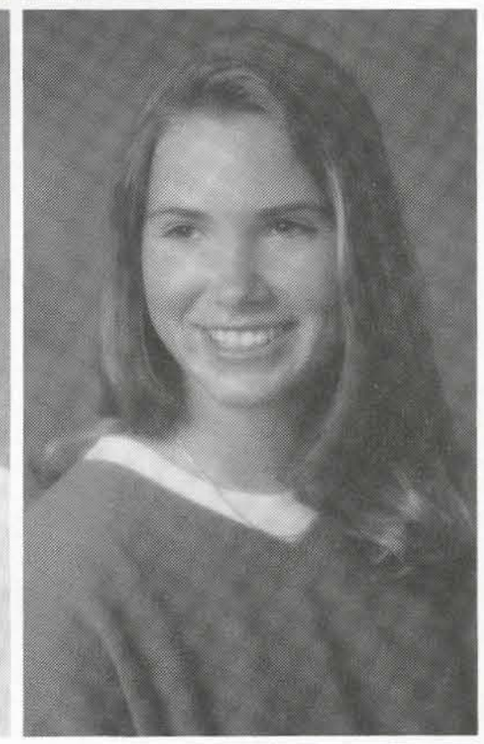
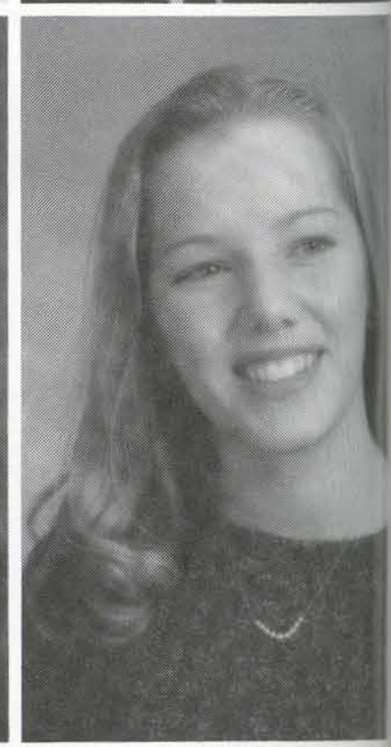

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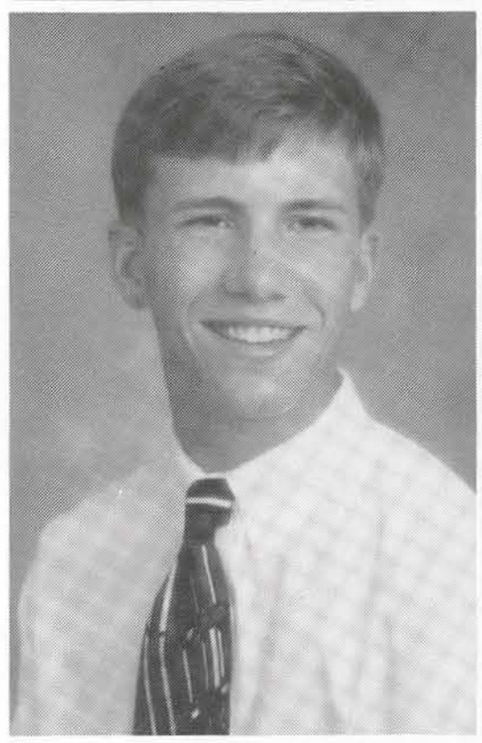

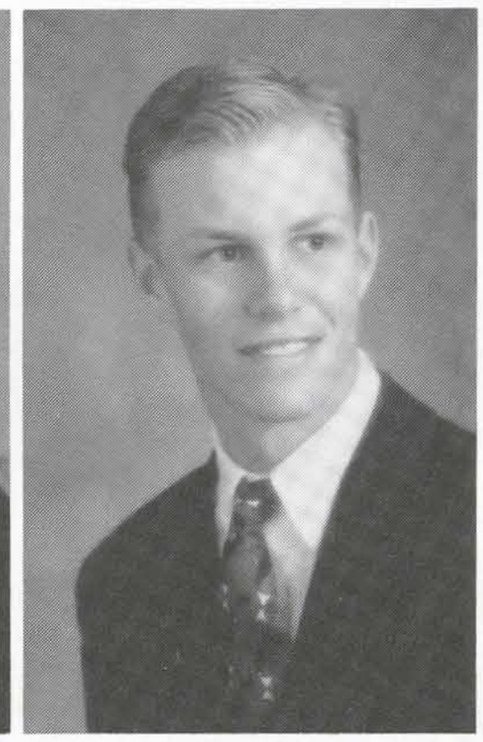
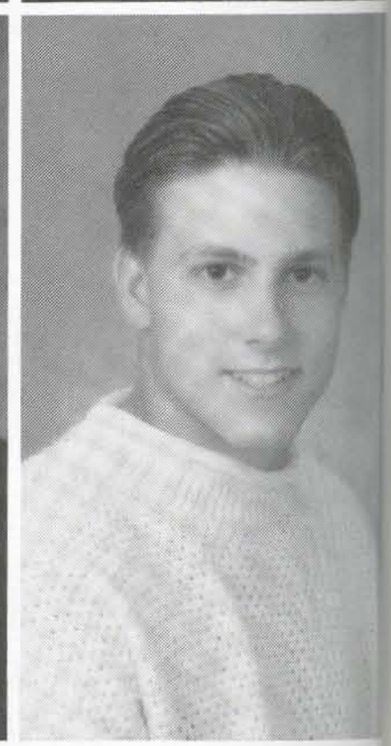

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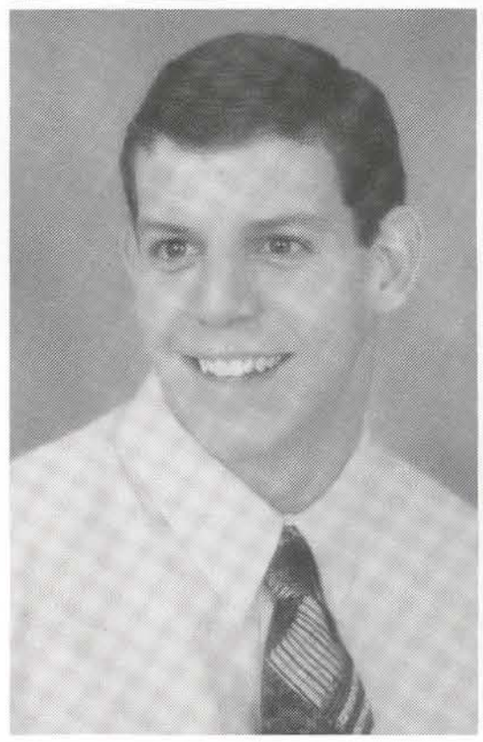
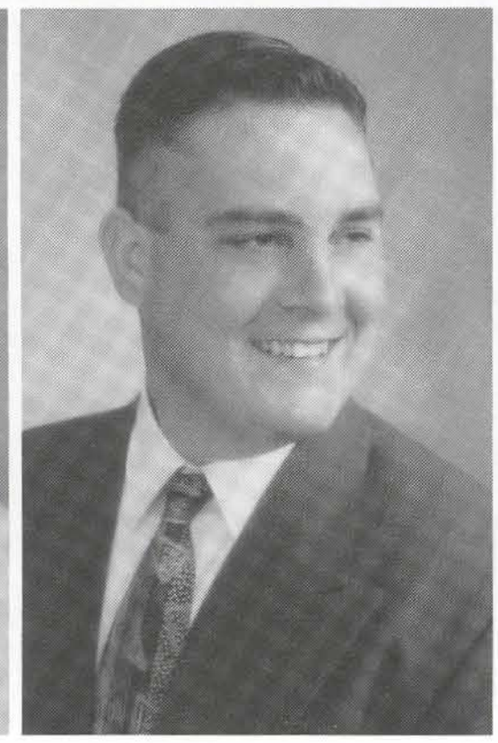
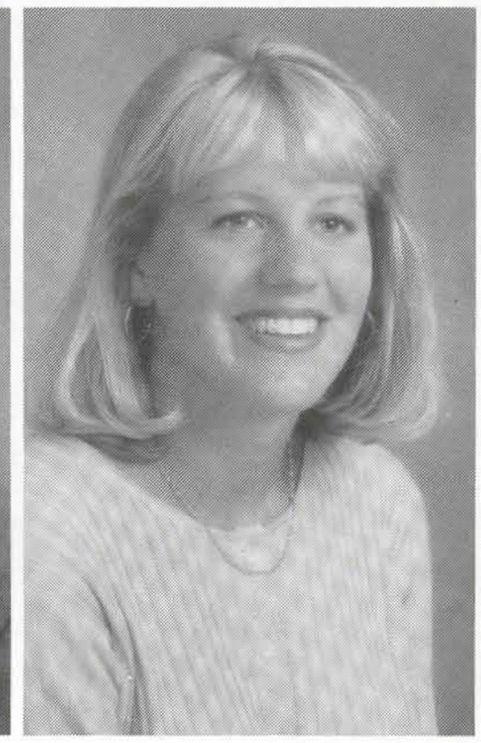
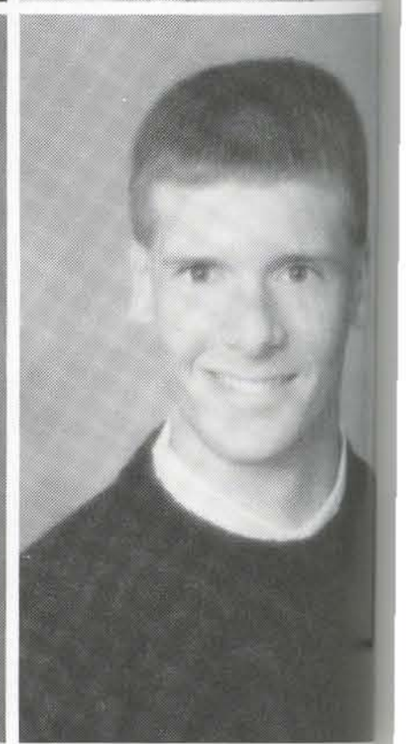

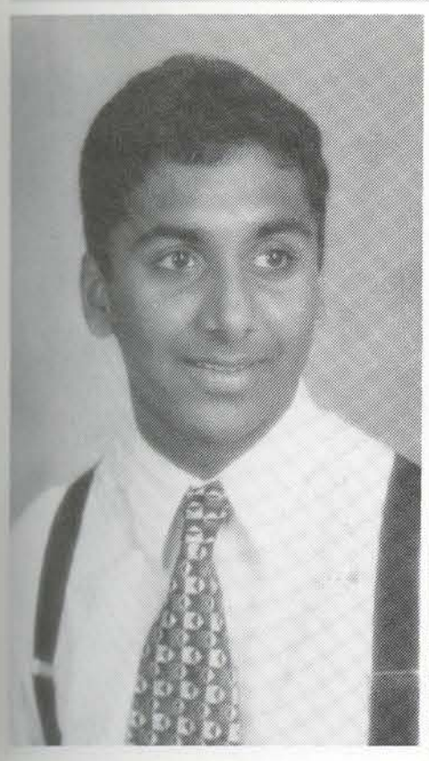
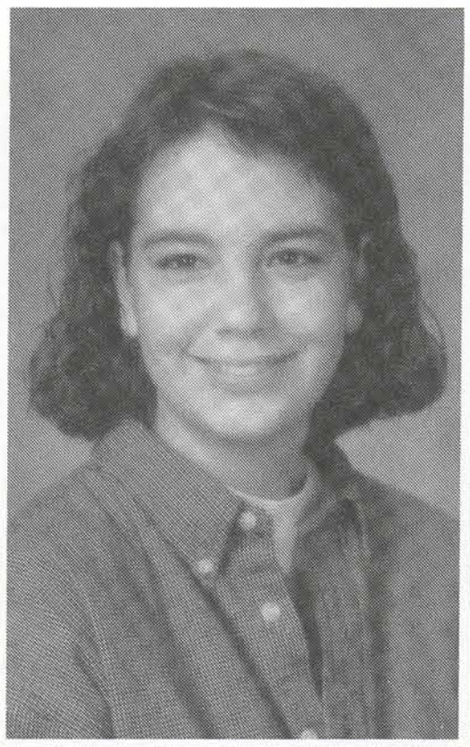
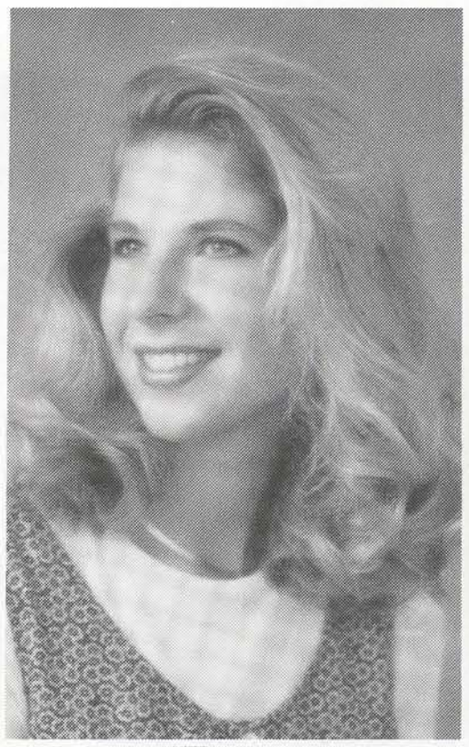
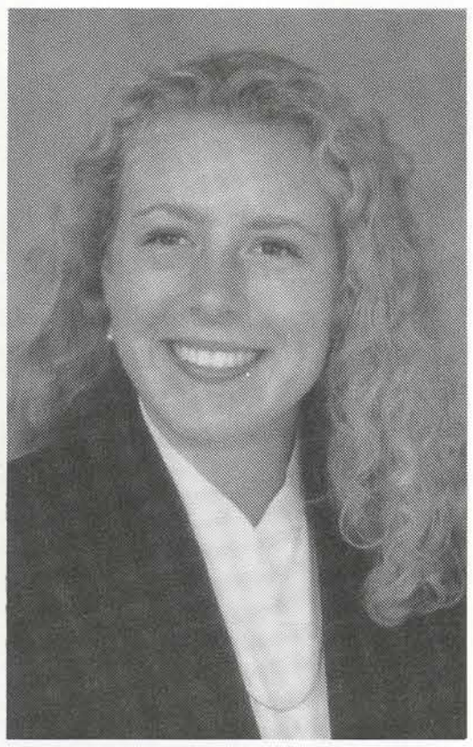

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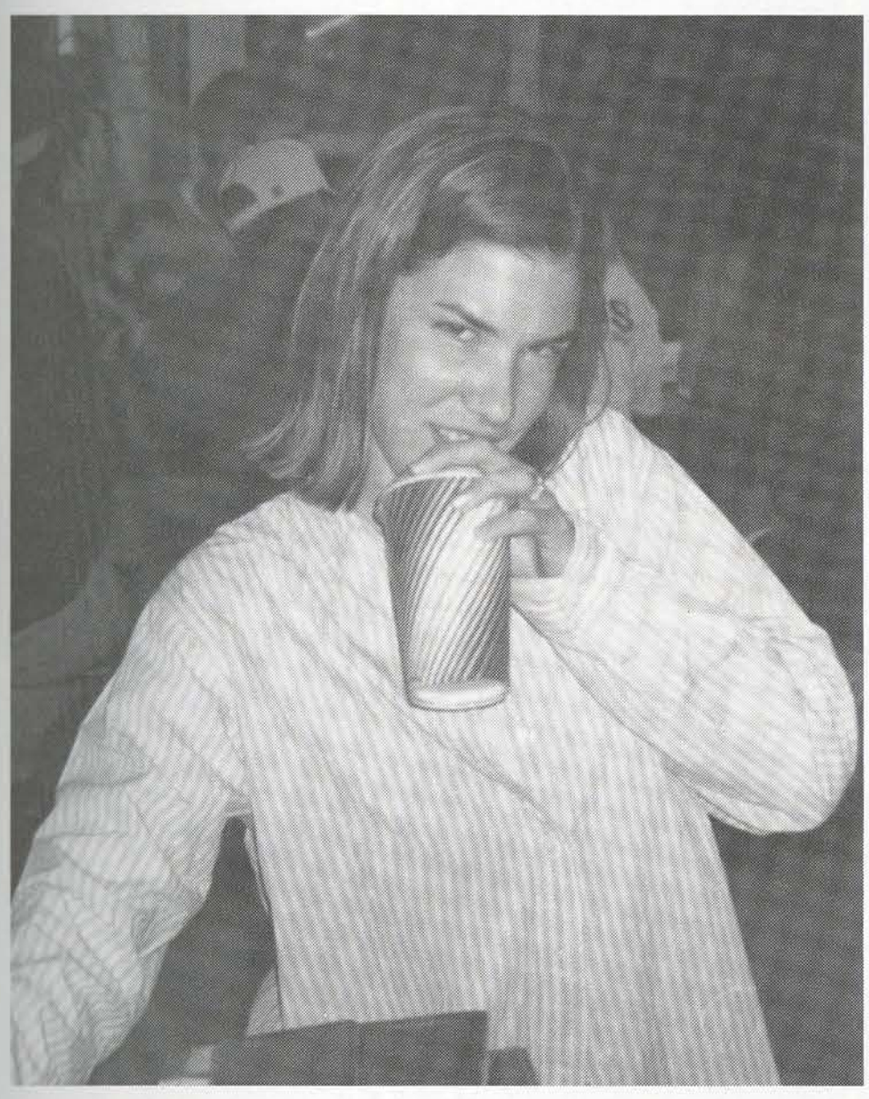
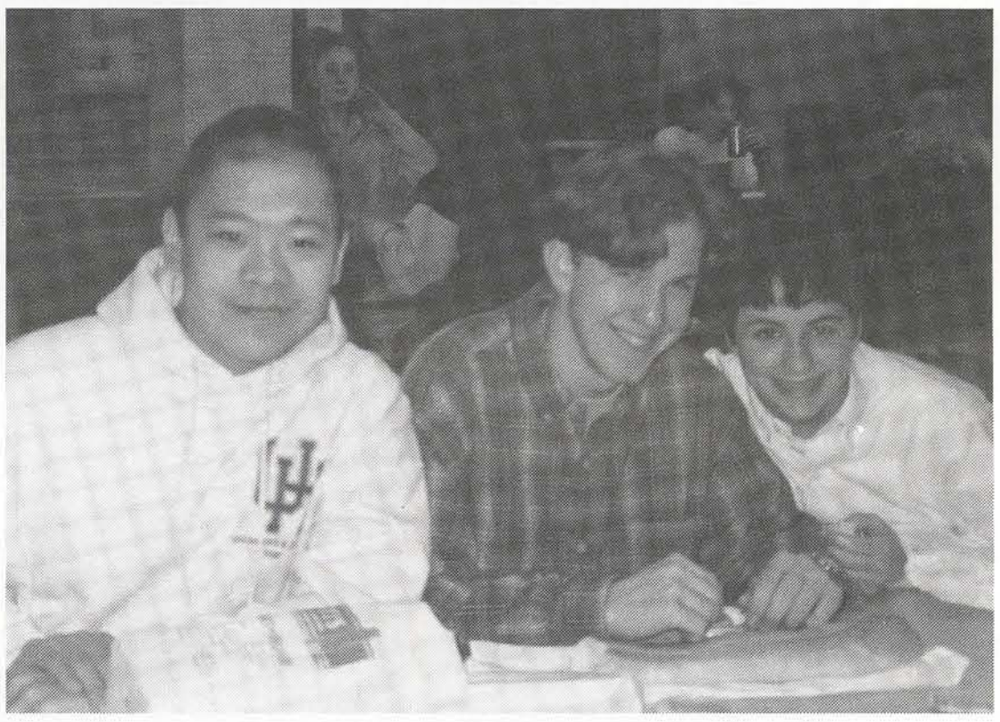
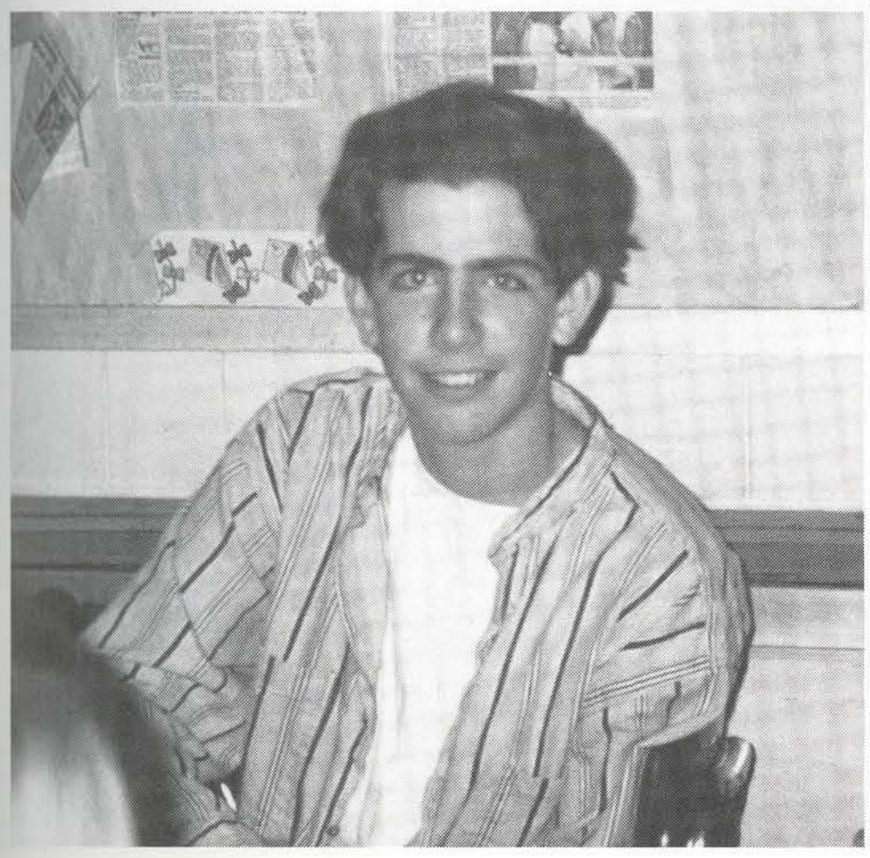
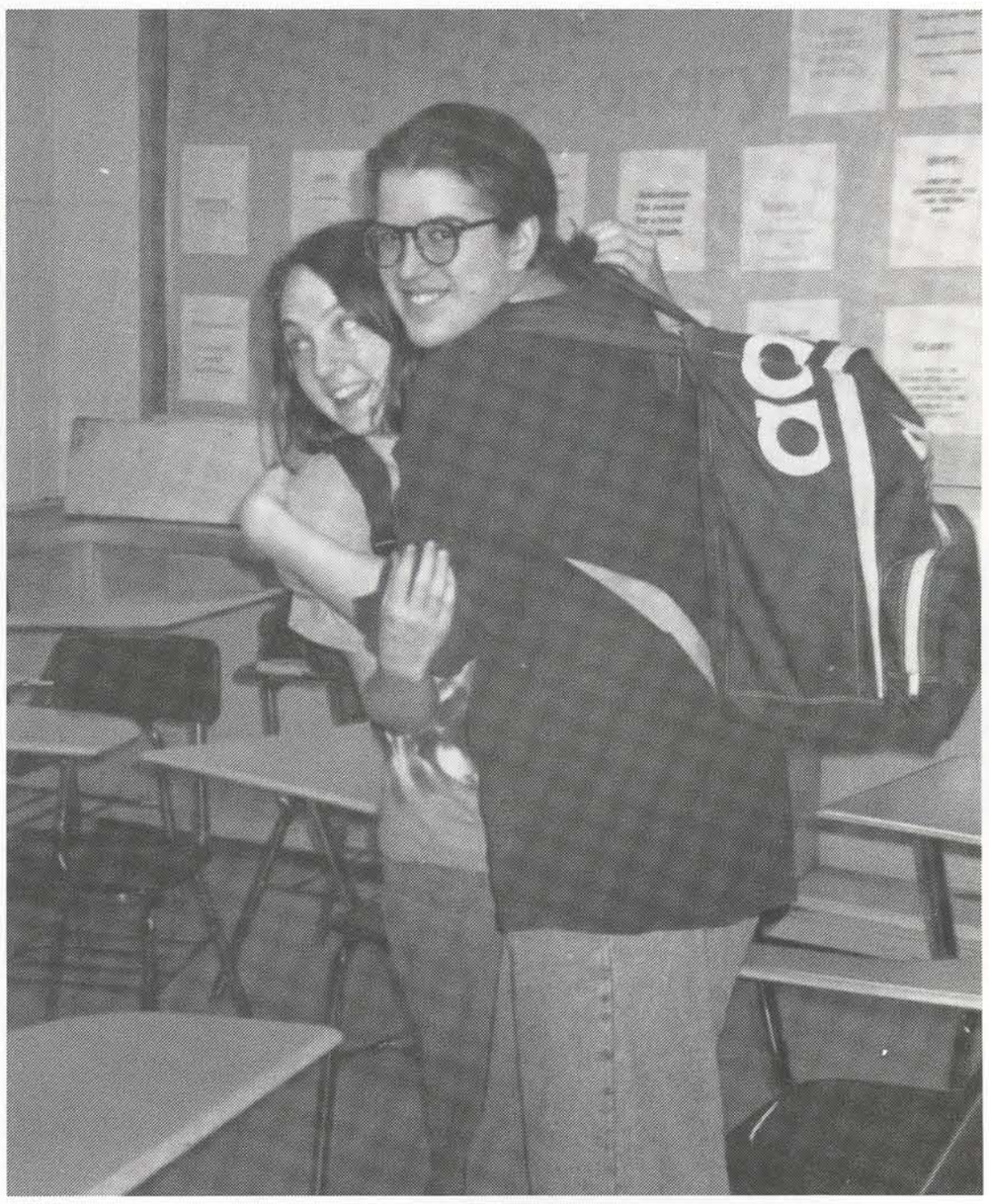

Left: Good friends Kuo Lian, Carl Aten and Ryan Henderson spend their twelve o'clock free hour eating Avanti's and hanging out in the Lounge with Mrs. Kaiser.

Far Left: Looking like her usual pretty self, Kim Donsbach takes one last drink before indulging herself in her Pre-Calculus homework.

Left: Fellow Thespians Katie Kusmaul and Emily Eggan give each other encouraging hugs after another grueling day of Mrs. Clessons' A.P. Language class.

Far Left: Mike Brown, known by most as "Brownie", flashes a suave grin as he awaits a stimulating lecture in his ten o'clock sociology class.

Michael Perillo
Mike Perry
Raymond Podesta
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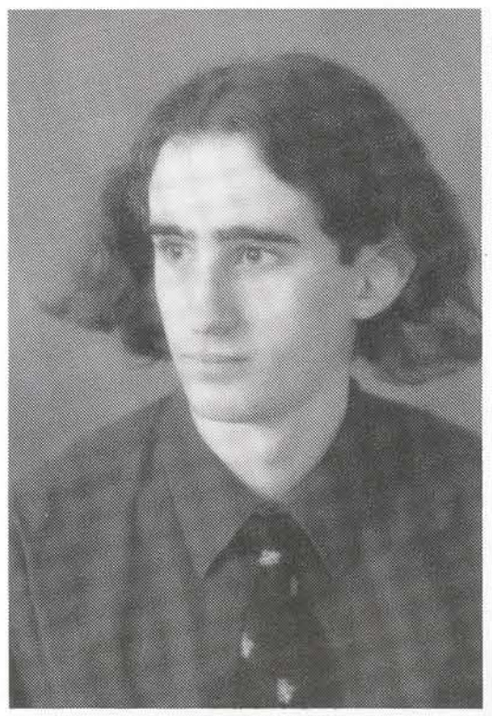
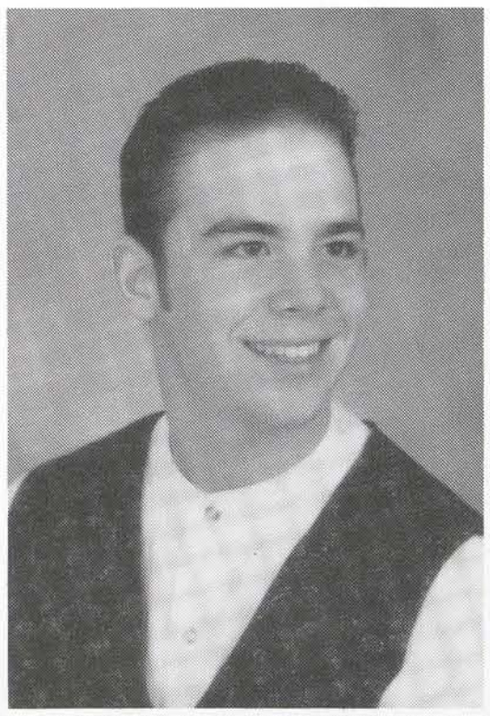
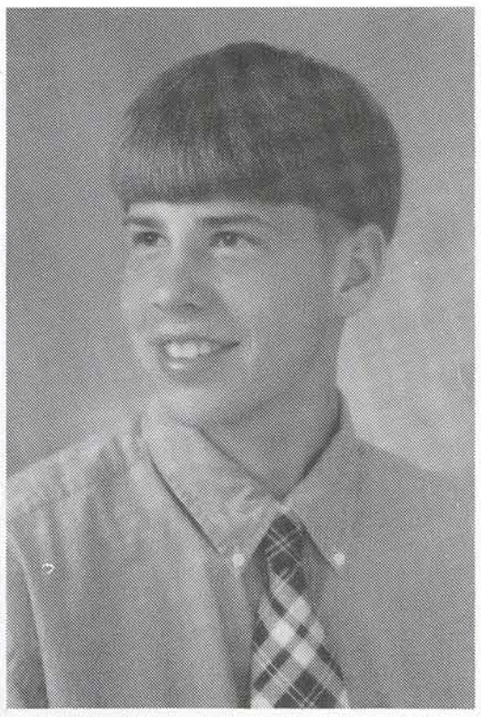
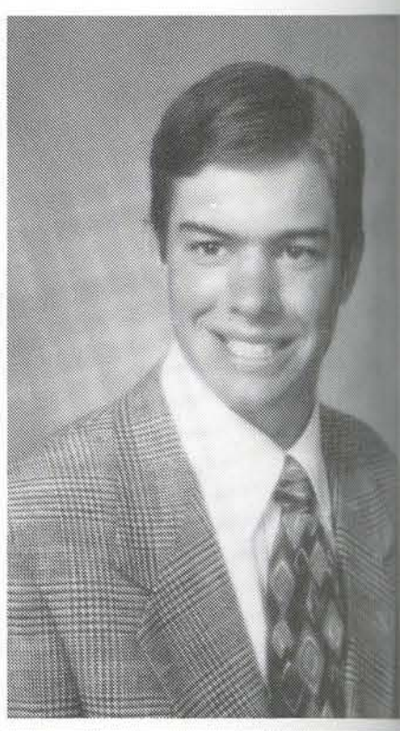

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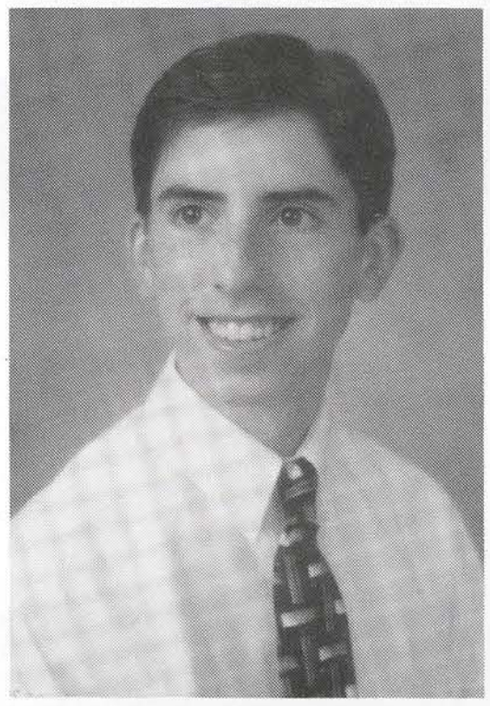
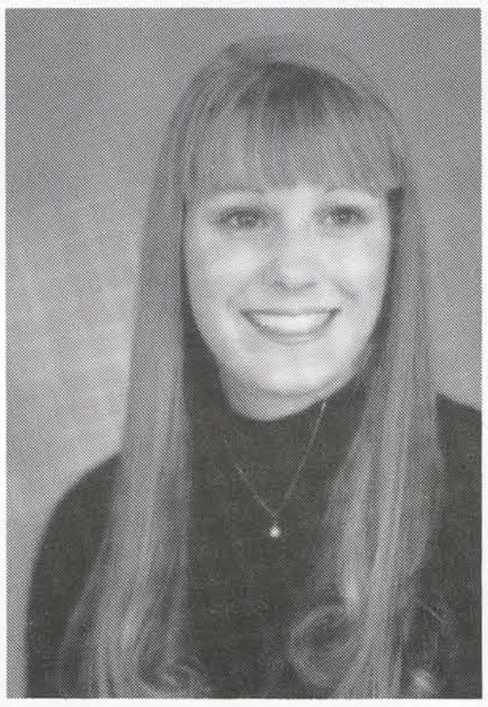
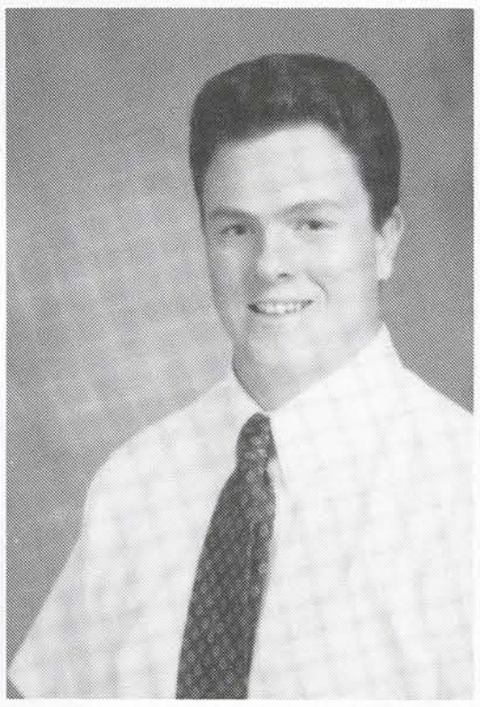
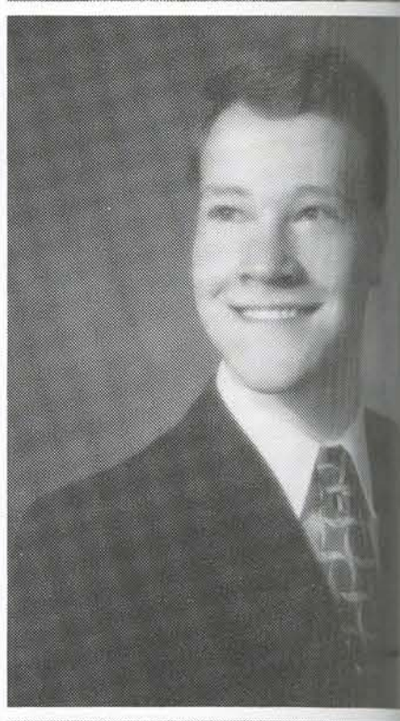

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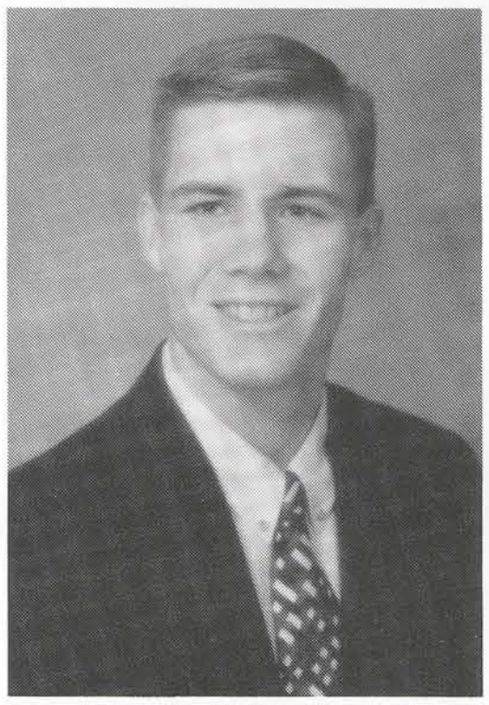
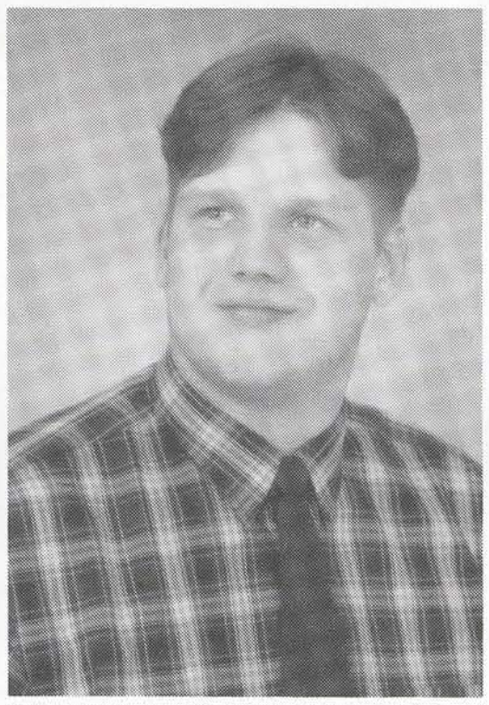
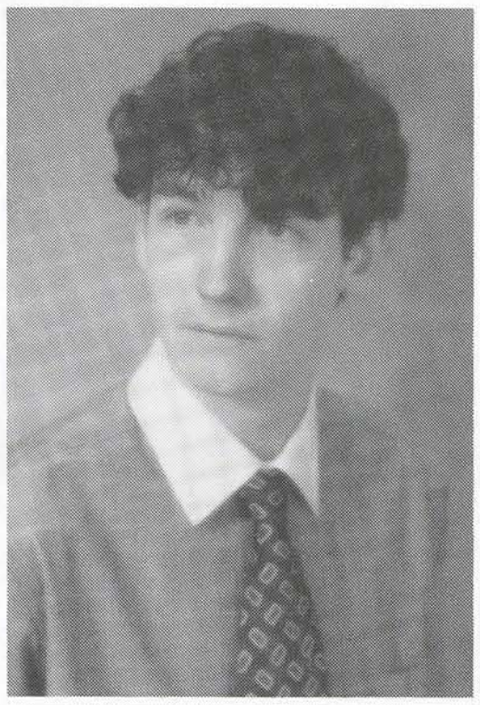
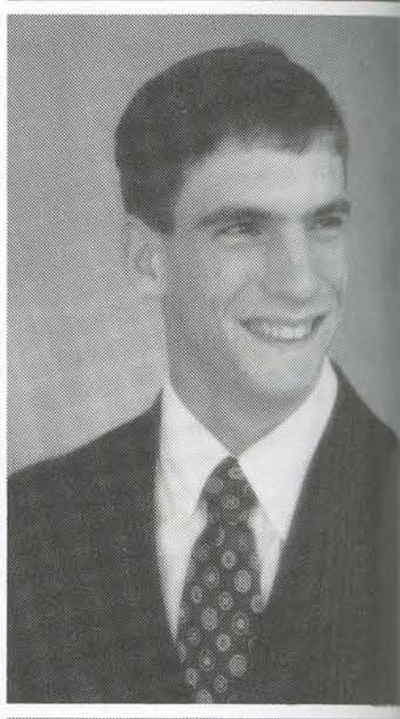

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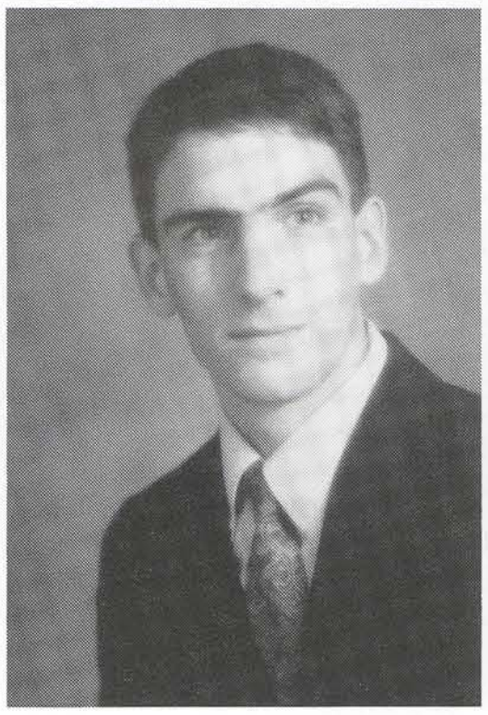
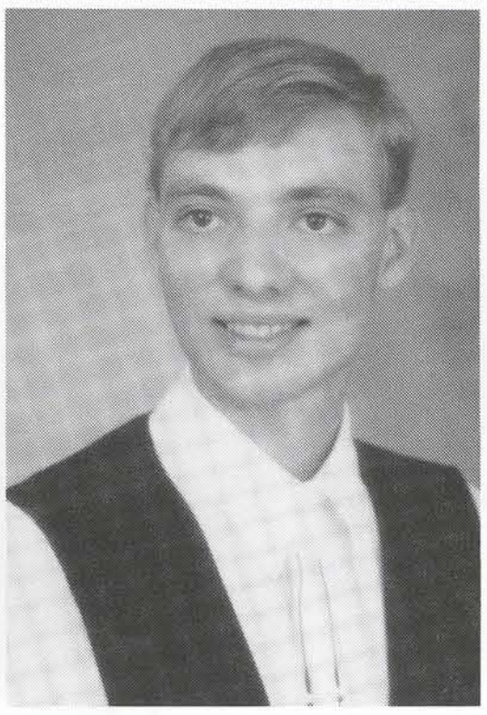
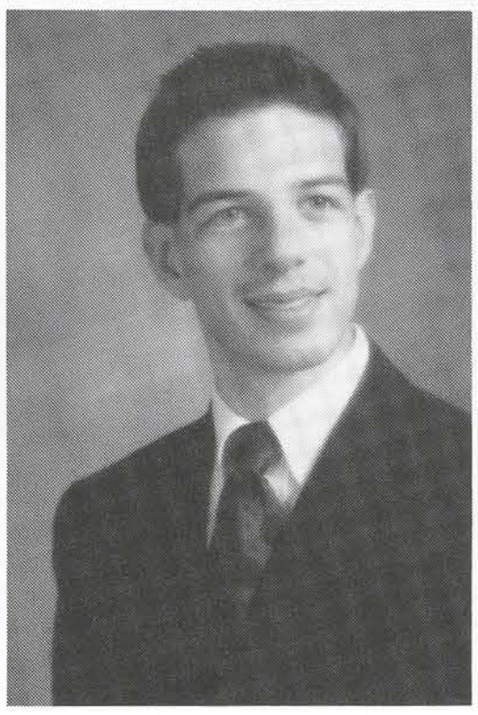
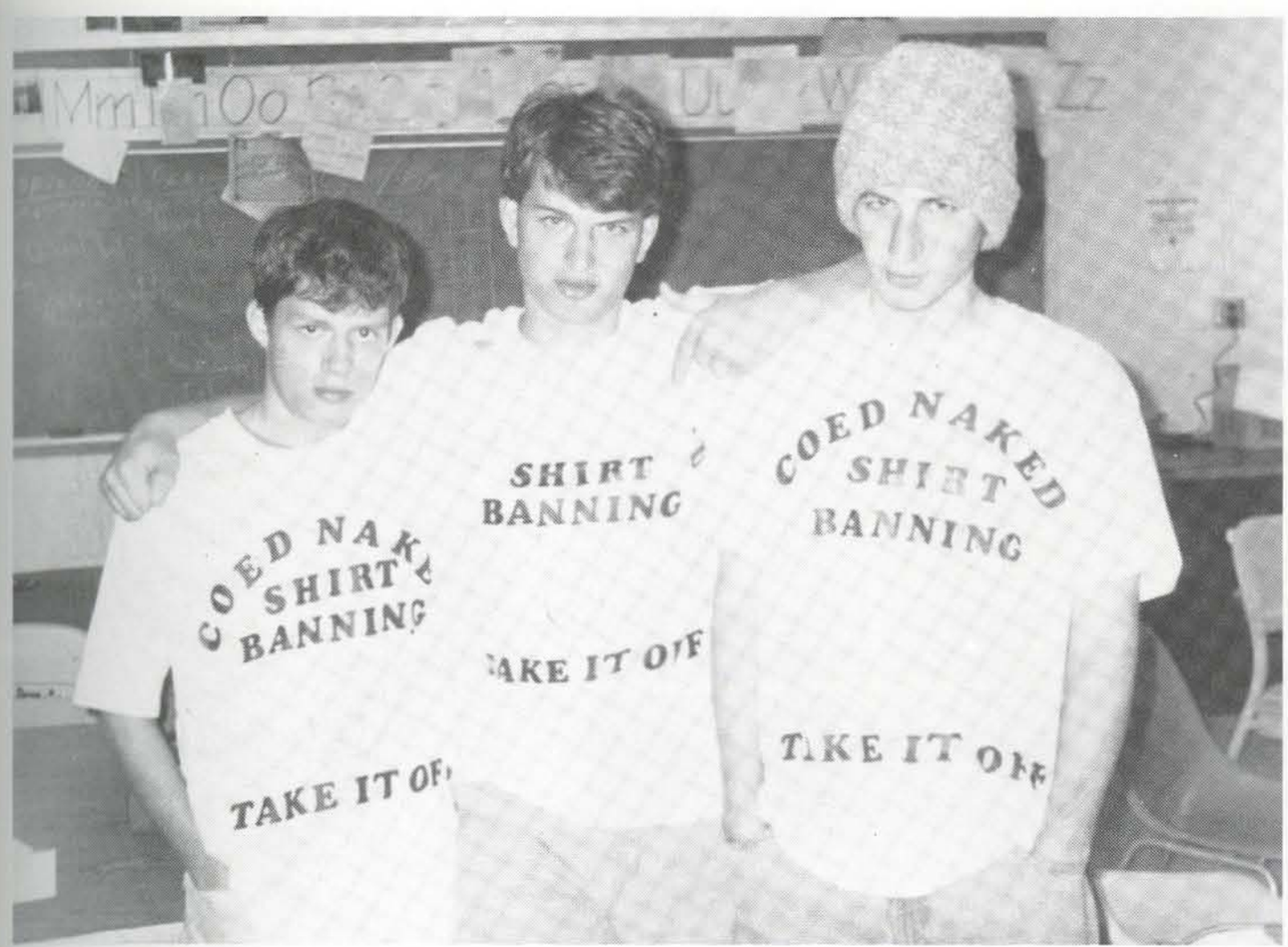







Above: Bob Alstrum-Acevedo, Matt Koglin and Jon Thompson protest against this year's banning of "Coed Naked" t-shirts. Feeling it went against the right to freedom of expression, they defied authority by wearing "Coed Naked" t-shirts that they made themselves.

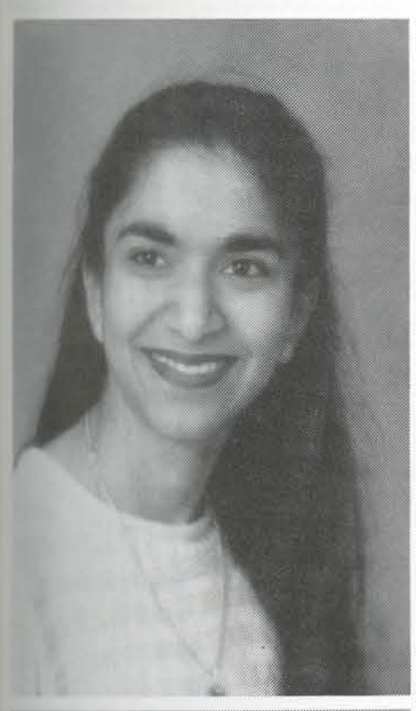
*Question: What is your happiest or funniest memory of U-High?*

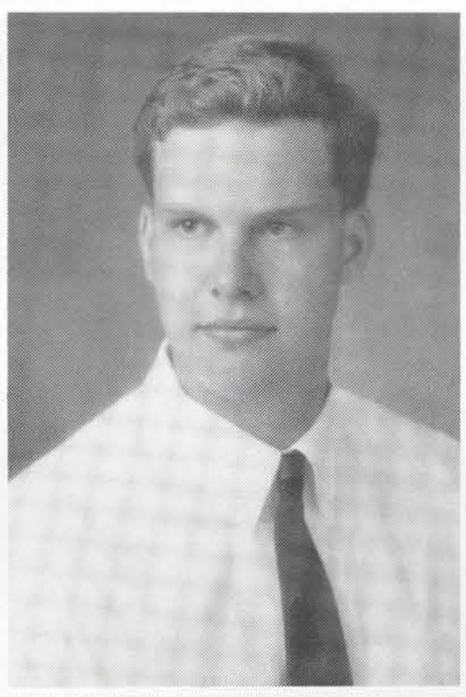
"Going to state in girls' golf."
-Krisy Milligan, Molly Finch

"[Adam] Colba taking his pants off in the Mr. Pioneer contest."
-Devin Padavil, Sarah Stuckey

"Advanced Math Topics."
-Tom Kirkwood

"Coach Eddy, 'nuff said."
-Kuo Chiang Lian





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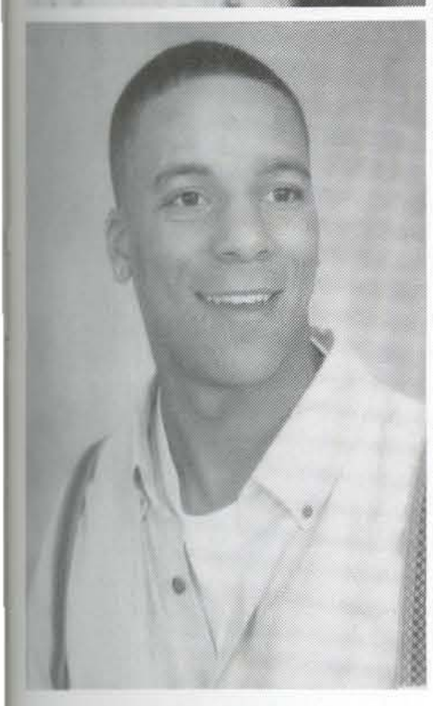
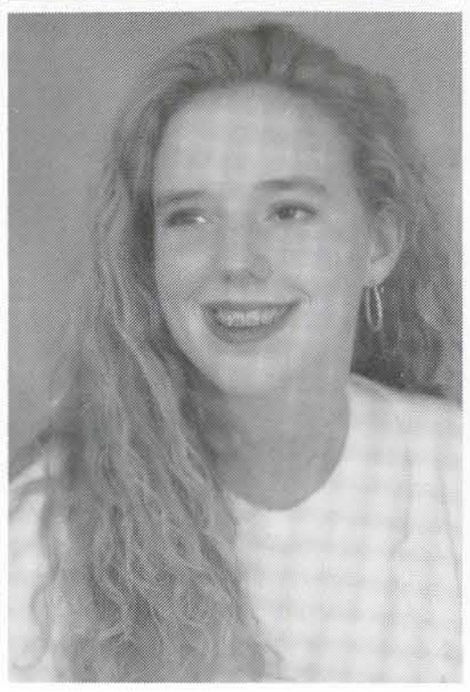
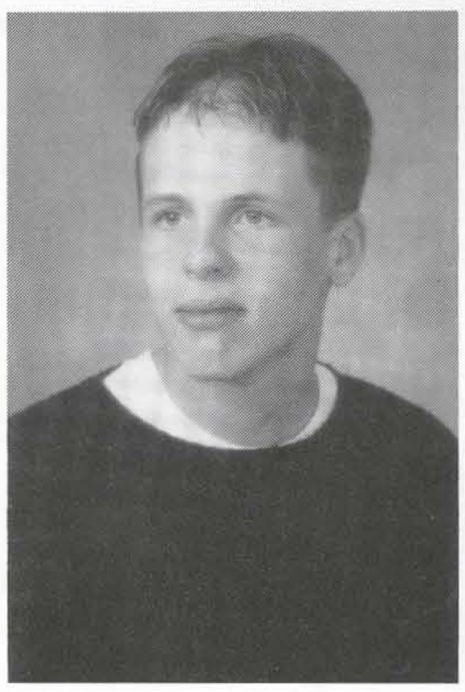
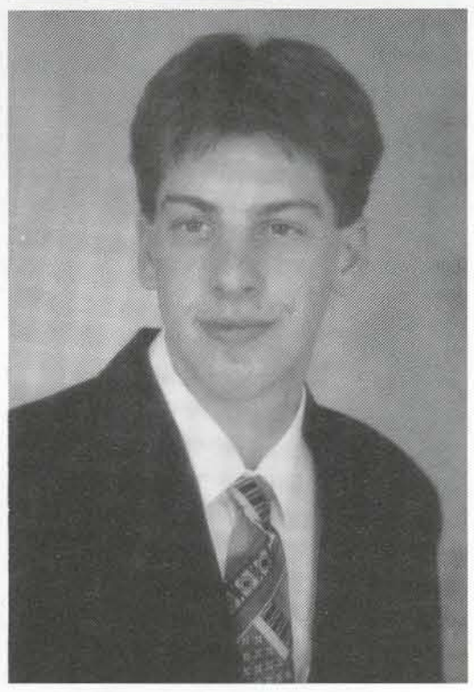
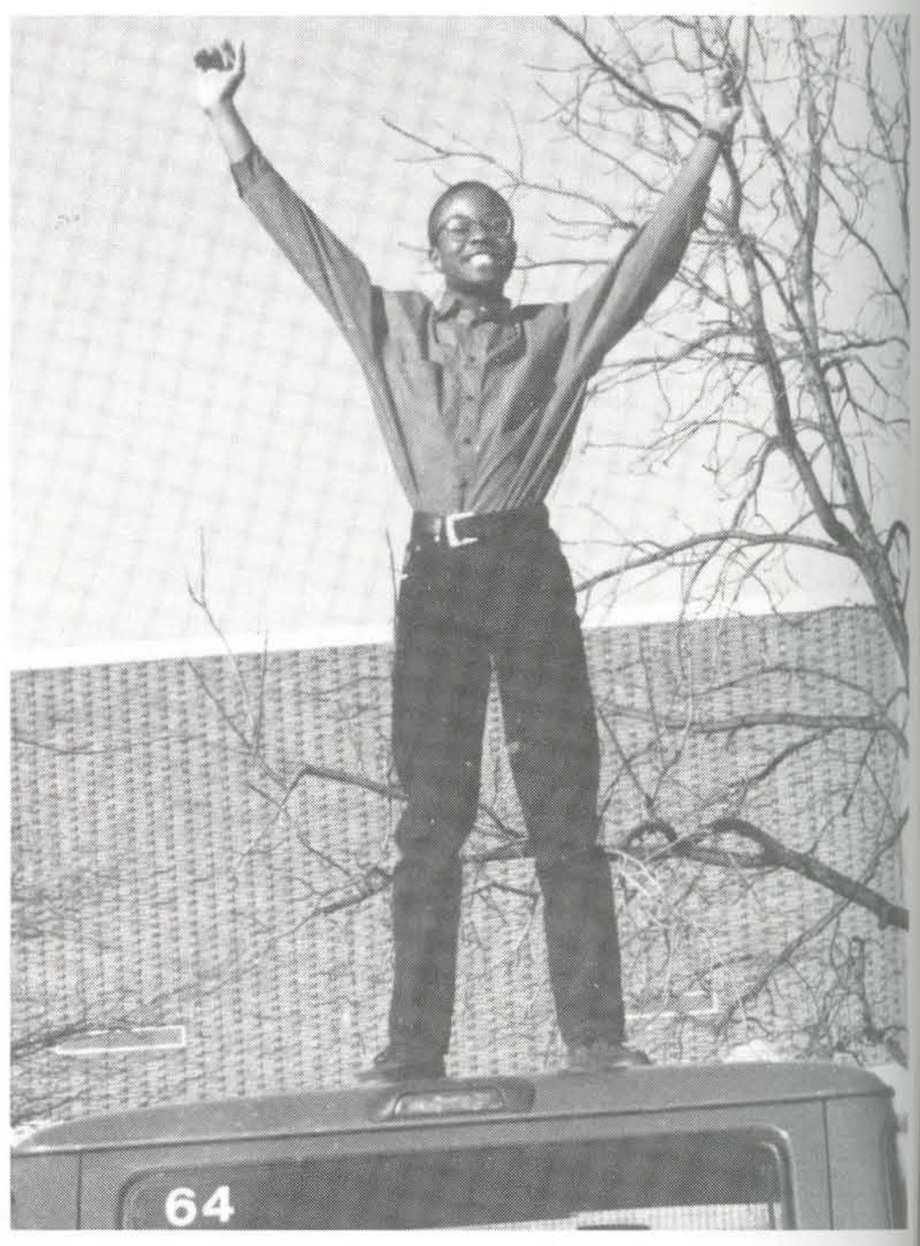





Vincent Smith
Shannon Sparks
Matthew Spears
Nitai Spiro

# Seniors: Time Well Spent

High school students are unusually busy people, and this year's U-High seniors were no exception. Homework, afterschool jobs, filling out college applications, volunteering, participating in extra-curricular activities and finding time to be with friends were a few of the things which kept U-High seniors busy this year.

All those hours were not spent in vain. This year's seniors were especially successful academically. The class of 1996 had 17 students with a perfect GPA of 4.0 and 37 Illinois State Scholars. Ten of this year's seniors were named National Merit Commended Students, and Ben Fritz and Rachel Wells were National Merit Finalists. Kuo Chiang-Lian won the Student of the Year Contest. Each of the activities and honors of the senior class will make them better prepared for the future.




Right: LeMarr Williams loves being a graduating senior. When no one was looking, he jumped up on top of an ISU van to celebrate the prospect of leaving high school behind forever.

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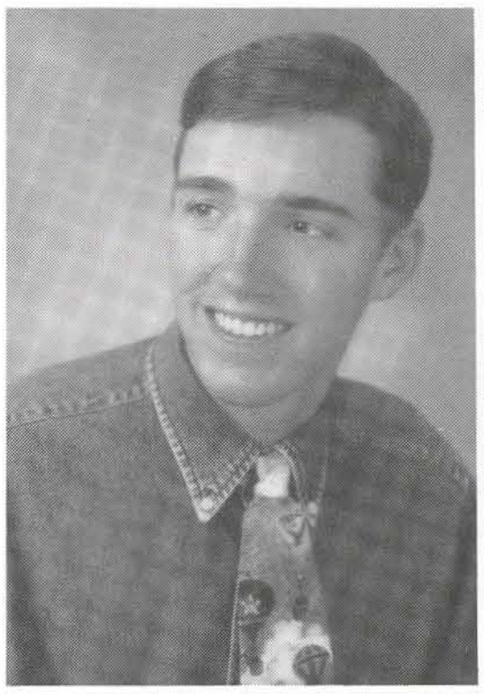
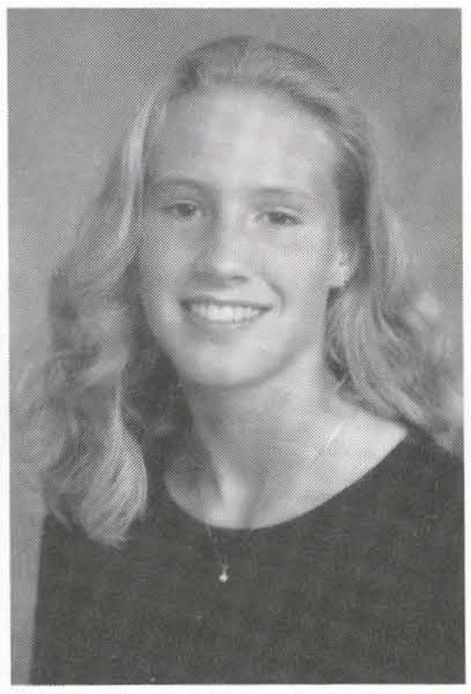
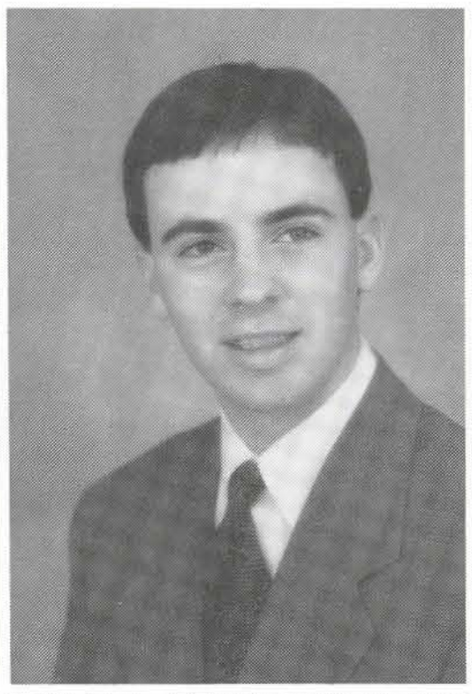
Sarah Stuckey
Joel Tatum
Stephanie Te

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Jennifer Tempest
Jon Thompson
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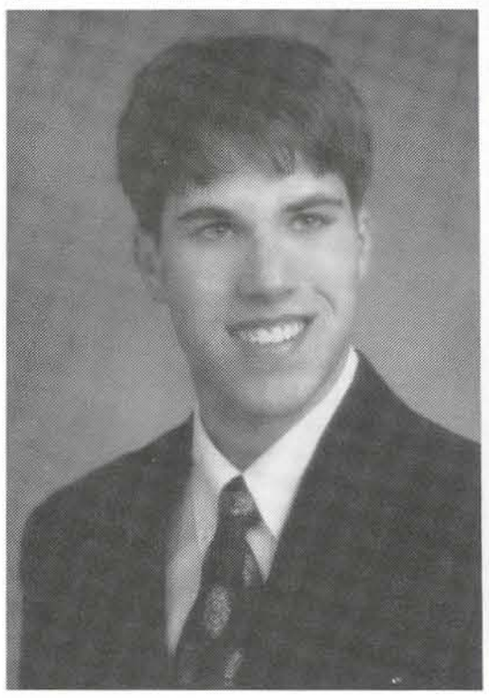
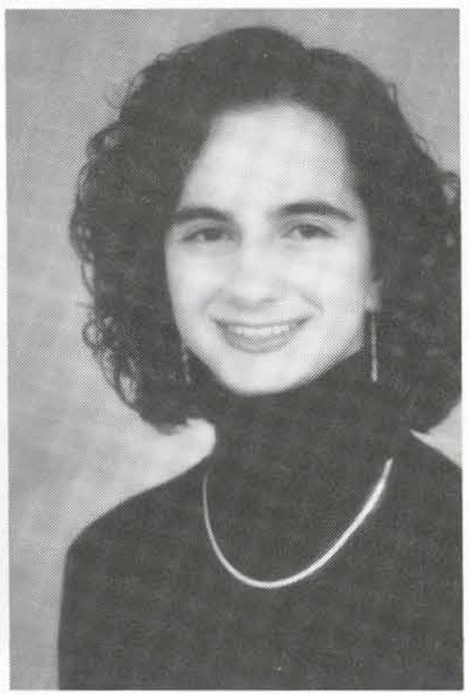
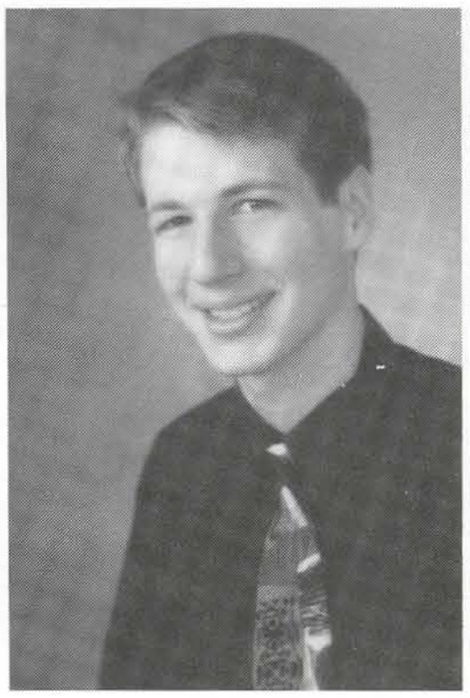
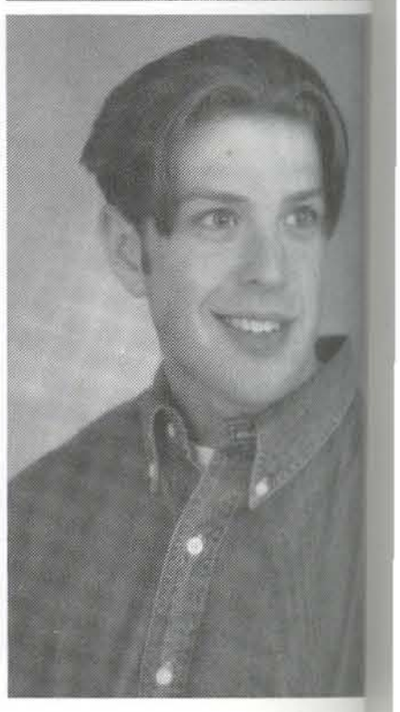

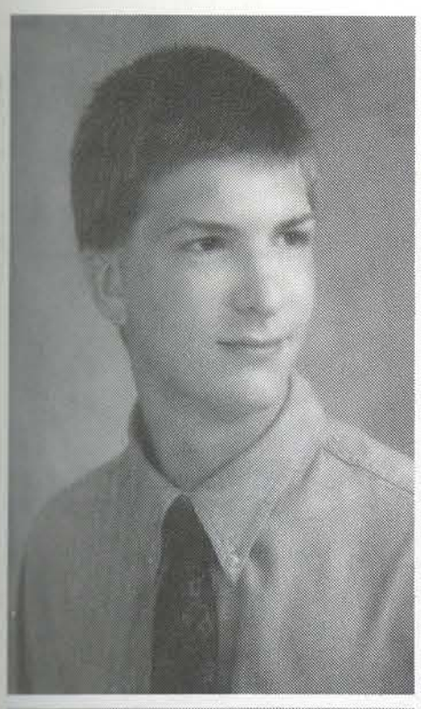
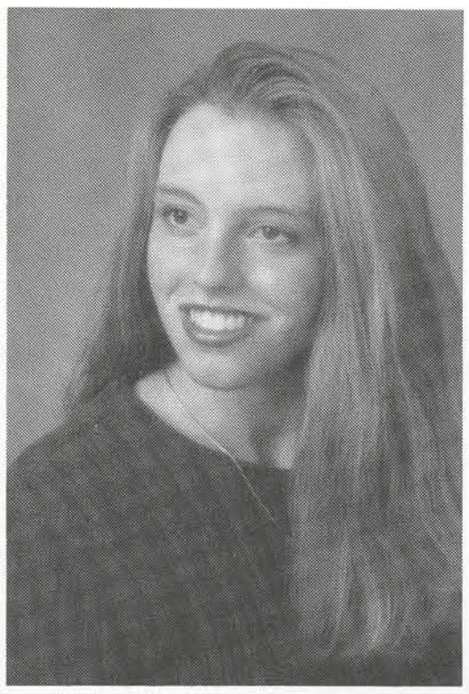
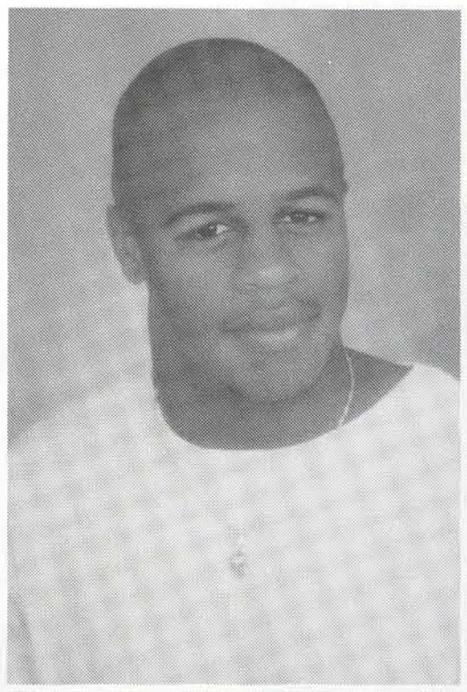

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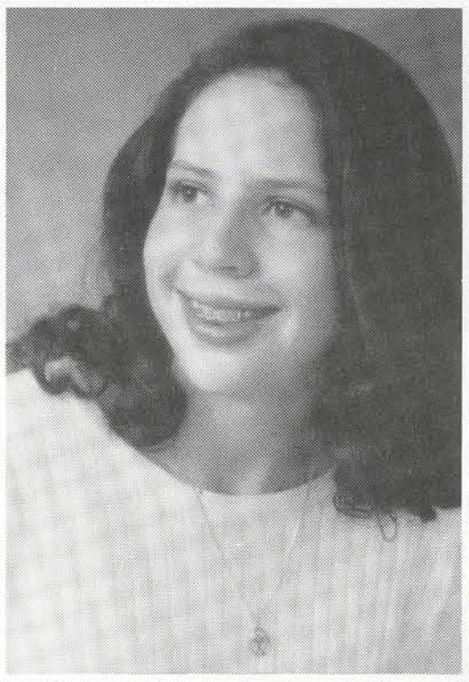
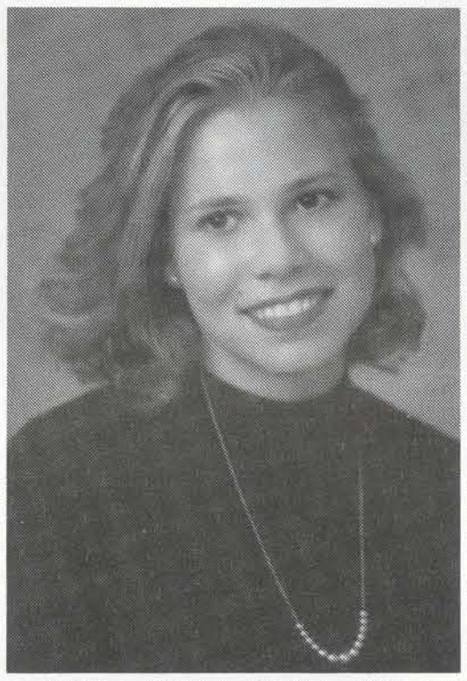
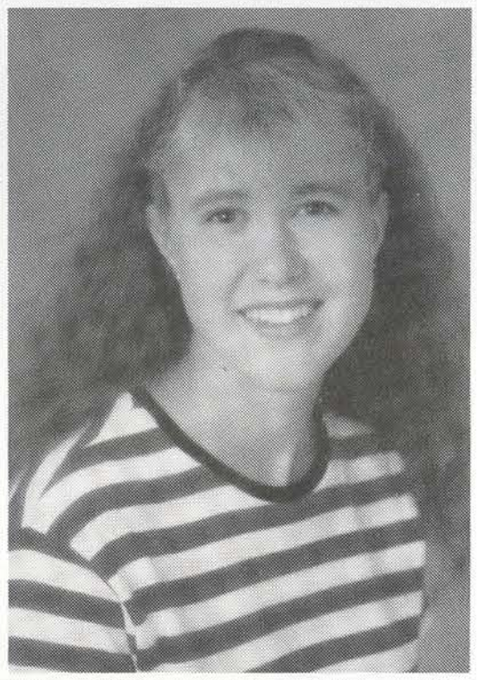

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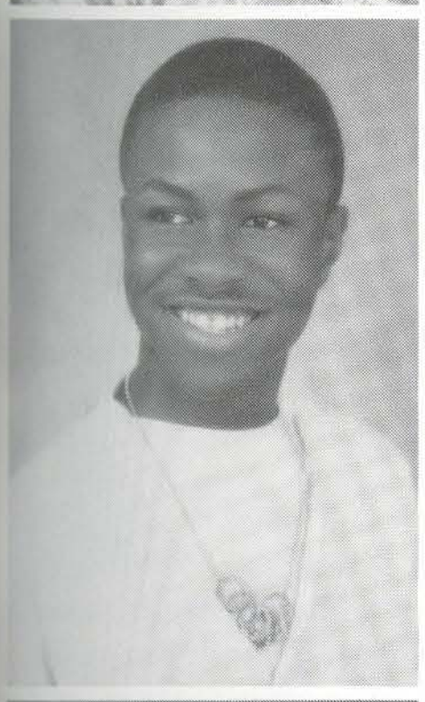

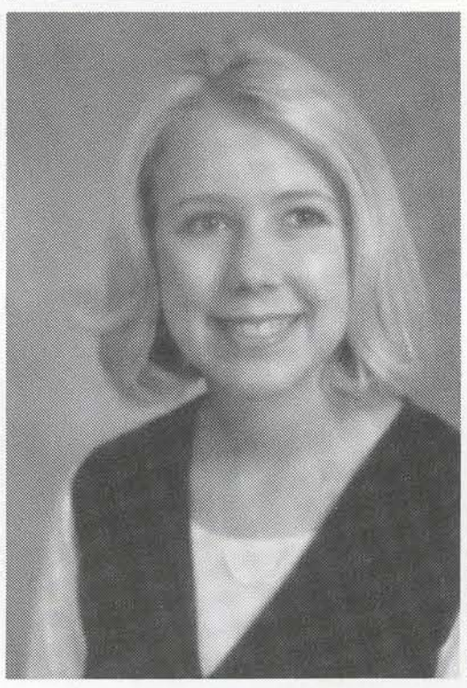

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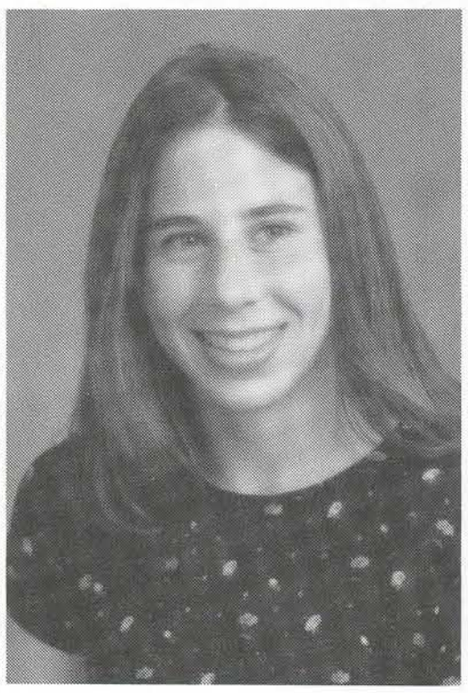
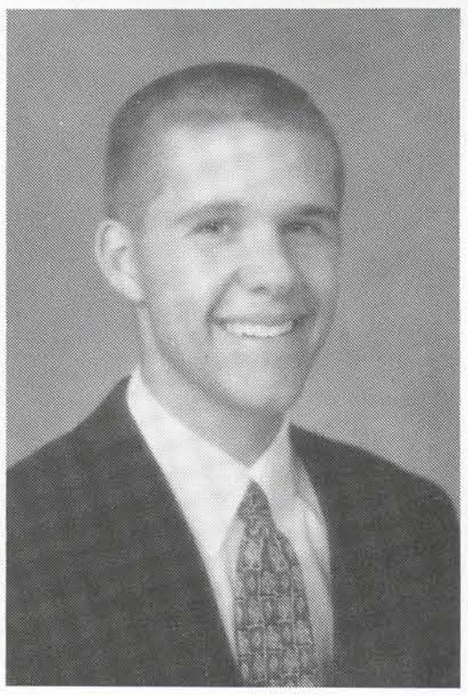
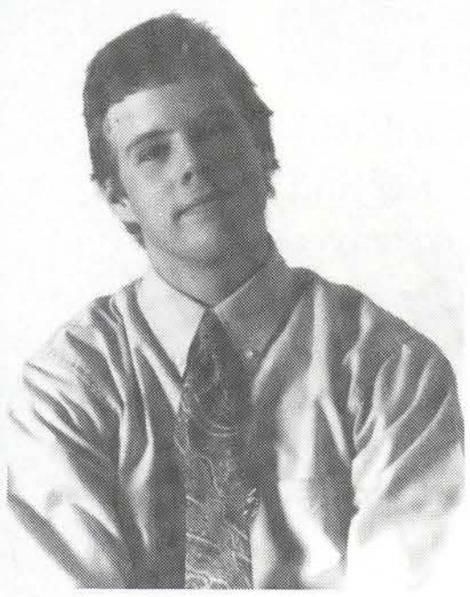

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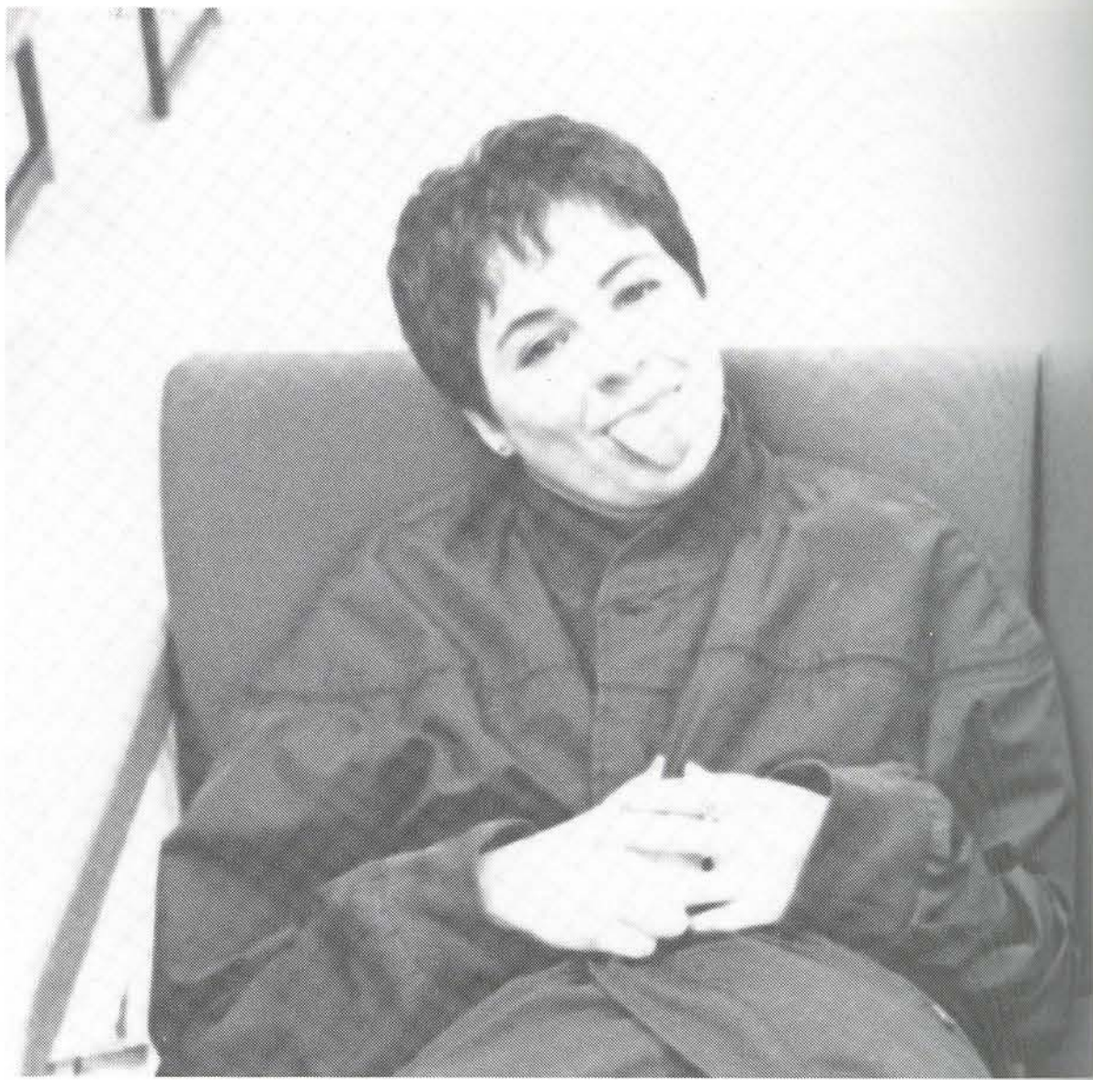
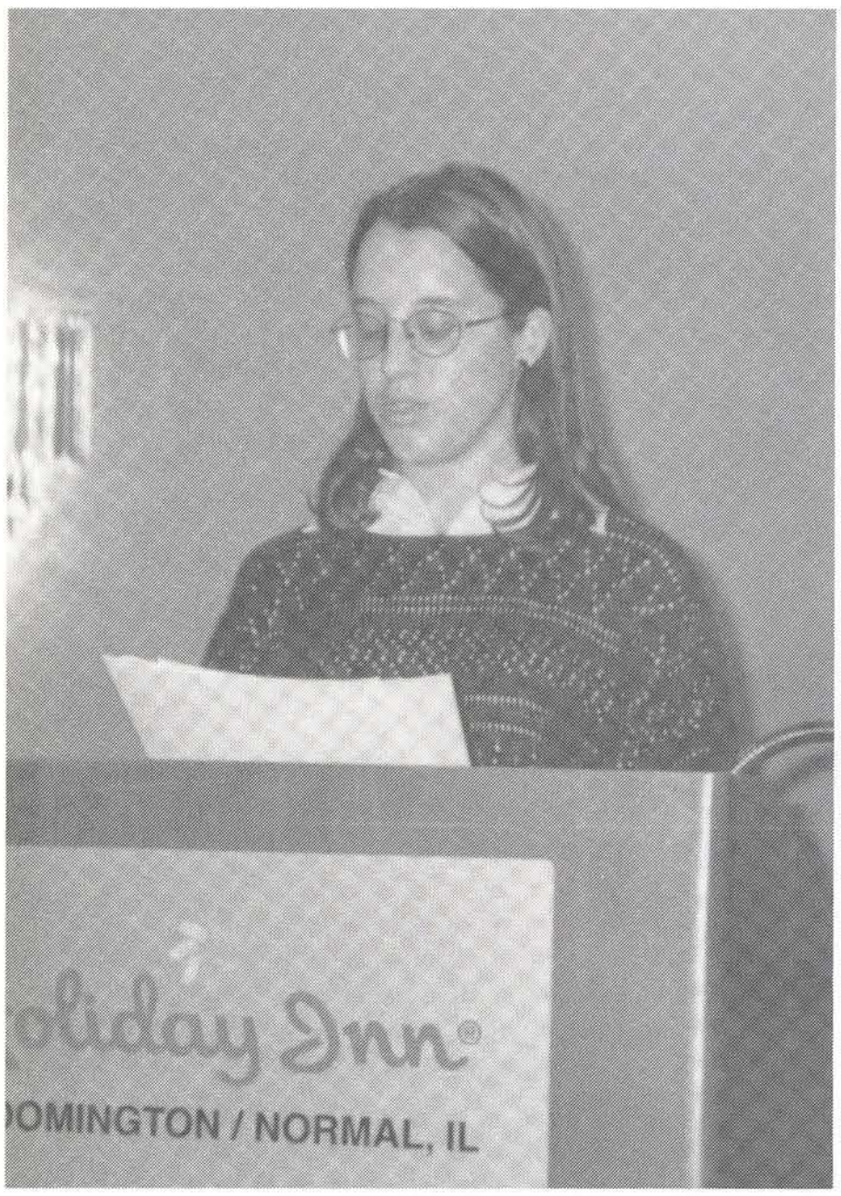
Below: Chela Kapanga shows her delight at being a member of the Class of '96.

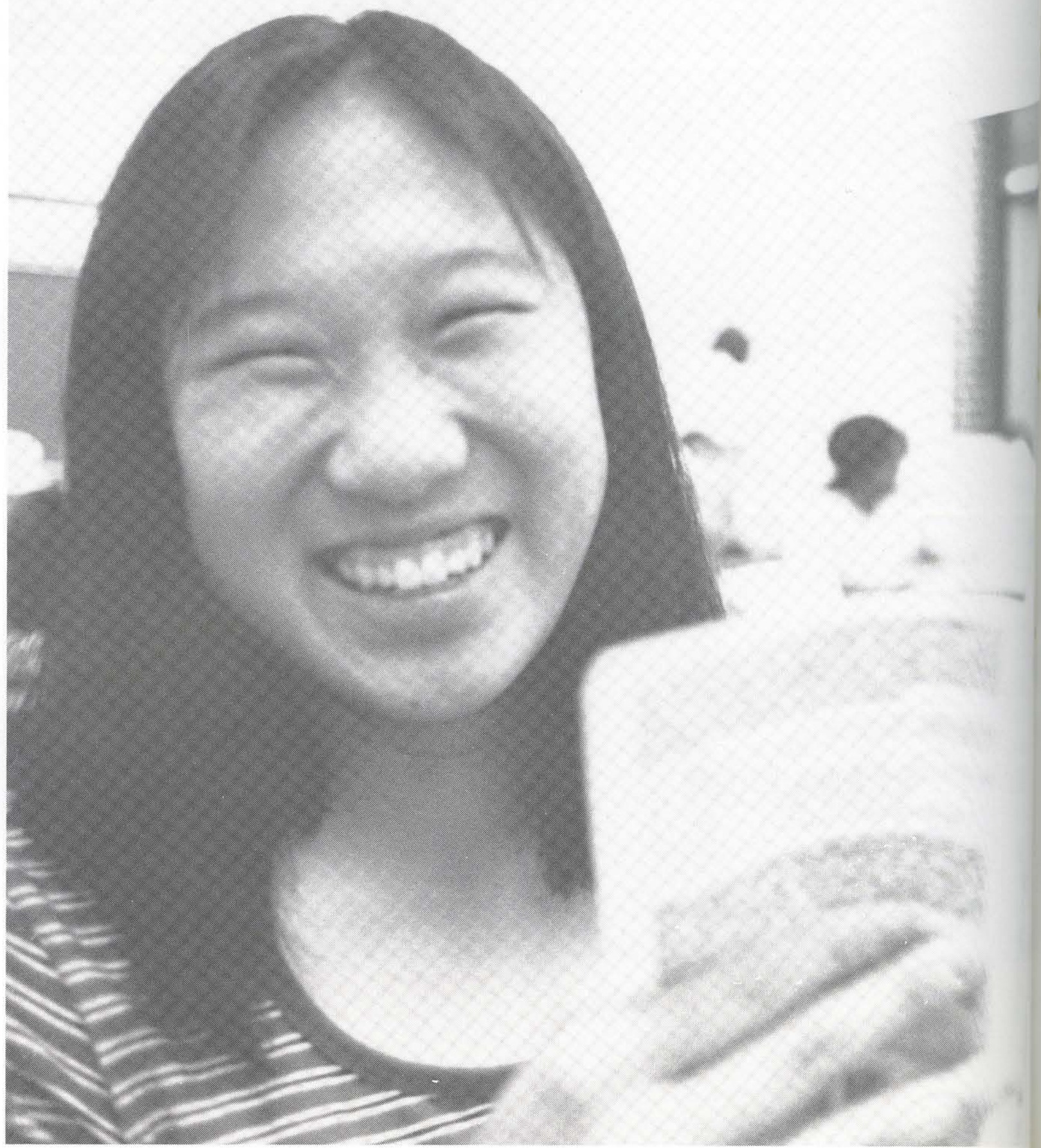
Right: Ryan Henderson displays her true personality while enjoying the new lounge furniture.






Above: Kristin Hill reads her award-winning essay for the Optimist Club meeting. She and Andy Matthews both received high honors for their essays.

Right: Stephanie Te gives the camera her famous grin. Must be a good book.



# Where Are They Going and What Are They Doing?

**Anderson University**
Julie Abell - Undecided
**Augustana**
Angela Crowley - Art
**Baylor**
Tara Hill - Marketing/Psychology
**Beloit**
Bob Alstrum-Acevedo - Creative Writing/ Philosophy
**Berklee College of Music**
Travis Hoover - Vocal Performance
**Boston University**
Hana Kusumoto - Journalism
**Bradley**
Carl Aten - Engineering/Physics
Krisy Milligan - Health
Tony Segneri - Engineering
**Columbia College**
Keith Hornbrook - Record Production
LeMarr Williams - Film/Performing Arts
**Concordia**
Ben Elble - Speech and Theatre
**Drake**
Stephanie Te
**Eastern Illinois University**
Zack Kuethe - Undecided
Dierdra Welsh - Nursing
Adam Colba - Nursing
Nancy Williams - Undecided
**Goshen College**
Brian Moshier - Undecided
**Grinnell**
Katie Kusmaul - Undecided
**Heartland**
Brad Allen - Undecided
Lauren Carter - Psychology
Nick Cottone - Undecided
Shanda Cushing - Science
Dylan Featherly - Pre-Med
Randy Gannaway - Undecided
Aaron Gruszynski -Undecided
Stacia Hopt - Child Care
David Hronek - Architecture
Adam Jones - Undecided
Marta Kowerko - Computer Applications
Brad Legner - Studio Art/Design
Ted Schurter - Communications
Thad Schurter - Liberal Arts
Joel Tatum - Forestry
Cecil Thomlinson - Undecided
Curtis Robinson - Undecided
**Illinois College**
Libby Gerdes - Education
Erin Maple - Education
**Illinois Community College**
Jenelle Halm - Design
**Illinois State University**
Heather Agge - Elementary Ed
Numan Ahmed - Finance
Angie Becker - Biological Sciences
Carrie Borowski - History
Mike Brown - Insurance
Crystal Carter - Education
David Crutchly - Computer Science /Programming
Marty Deutch - Pre-Med
Emily Eggan - Theatre
Chris Felkamp - Undecided
Molly Finch - Business Administration
Jason Hunter - Medical Rehabilitation
Jill Kagy - Nursing
Chela Kapanga - Business
Matt Koglin - Theatre Design and Production
Noah Larsen - Undecided
Todd Mitchell - Business Administration
Kurt Olson - Accounting
Devin Padavil - Undecided
Jacquie Semmler - Undecided
Sonia Sethi - Language/Speech Pathology
Kristin Smith - Engineering
Vince Smith - Marketing
Matt Spears - Physical Therapy/Journalism
Jon Thompson - Theatre
Bill Thake - Undecided
Justin Watson - Finance/Accounting
Aaron Reffitt - Undecided
**Illinois Wesleyen University**
Landon Alvey - Vocal Performance
Brian Diemer - Biology
Karmy Kays - Undecided
Tom Kirkwood - Chemistry
Darrin York - Accounting
**Indiana University**
Adam Milligan - Undecided
Ray Podesta - Pre-Optometry
**James Madison University**
Jerusha Pedersen - Nursing
**Lincoln Christian**
Andy Matthews - Theology
**Lincoln Community College**
Jordan Wallace
**Loyola**
Lindsay Hiltabrandt - Pre-Veterinary
**Macalaster**
Jessica Vetter - Pre-Med
**Marines**
Josh McFadden
Mike Perry
**Mennonite Bd. of Missions**
Ben Spacek - Undecided
**Millikin**
Lucas Schwarzrock - Theatre
**MIT**
Kuo-Chang Lian - Engineering or Pre-Med
**Nashville Auto Diesel College**
Eric Lott
**Navy**
Tony Varda - Nuclear Engineering
**Northern Illinois University**
Kim Donsbach - Nursing
Rachel Harris - Elementary Education
Kelli Mankhe - Business
Krista Ritter - Physical Therapy
**Parkland Junior College**
Andy Powers - Undecided
**Southern Illinois University**
Gavin Kalley - Aviation
J.J. Simpson - Electrical Engineering
Ted Smith - Undecided
Whitney Wallace - Public Relations
**Southern Missouri State**
Jill Wendling - Public Relations
**Southern Methodist University**
Ryan Henderson - TV/Radio/Film
**St. Crispin Friary**
Mike Ryan - Priesthood
**SUNY**
Nitai Spiro
**University of California**
K.C. Kuniyoshi - Computer Science/ Film
**University of Chicago**
Ben Fritz - Pre-Law
**University of Colorado**
Allison Miller - Chemistry
**University of Dubuque**
Brian Moody - Flight Operations
**University of Georgia**
Rebecca Dady - Undecided
**University of Illinois**
Joni Anderson - Liberal Arts and Sciences
Anne Arnold -Business Administration
Surekha Bhat - Undecided
Joydip Chakravarty - Electrical Engineering
Supna Chaudhari - Biology
Ryan Crusius - Business/Finance
Lynn Cyrus - Civil Engineering
Erik Decker - Pre-Med
Bridget Payne - Agricultural Economics
Poorvi Shah - Pharmacology
Shannon Sparks - Actuarial Science
David Stark - Civil Engineering
Sarah Stuckey - Engineering
Jenny Tempest - Psychology
Eric Schlipf - Undecided
Faye Yang - Pre-Med
Jennifer Yang - Business
**University of Iowa**
Christine O'Connor - Undecided
**University of Missouri - Columbia**
Ted DeLong - Journalism
Kristin Hill - Journalism or Theatre
Mike Perillo - Undecided
Angie Warner - Biological Sciences
Amy Wilson - Journalism
Julie Yeagle - Undecided
**University of Missouri - Rolla**
Tom Beccue - Undecided
**University of Oregon**
Andrew Schroeer - Architecture
**Vanderbilt**
Mandy McKinght - Secondary Education
**Wabash**
Wes Hunt - Economics/Business
**Washington University**
John Lutkehaus - Undecided
William Li - Biology
Rachel Wells - Engineering
**Western Illinois University**
Mischka Levendowski - Undecided
**Wheaton**
Kristin Berry - Undecided
**Wittenberg**
Nick Barrows - Biology

Cornelia Klimm - Going back to Germany

# PROM 1996

Below right: Seniors Crystal Carter, Angie Warner and Erin Maple take a break from their dates to talk and reminisce about the fact that they are attending their last Prom.

Right: Junior Jamie Nafziger and senior Andy Powers stroll carefully in front of a crowd of excited parents during the Grand March. The greatest worry of most couples was making it down the stairs without falling. Luckily, no one fell.

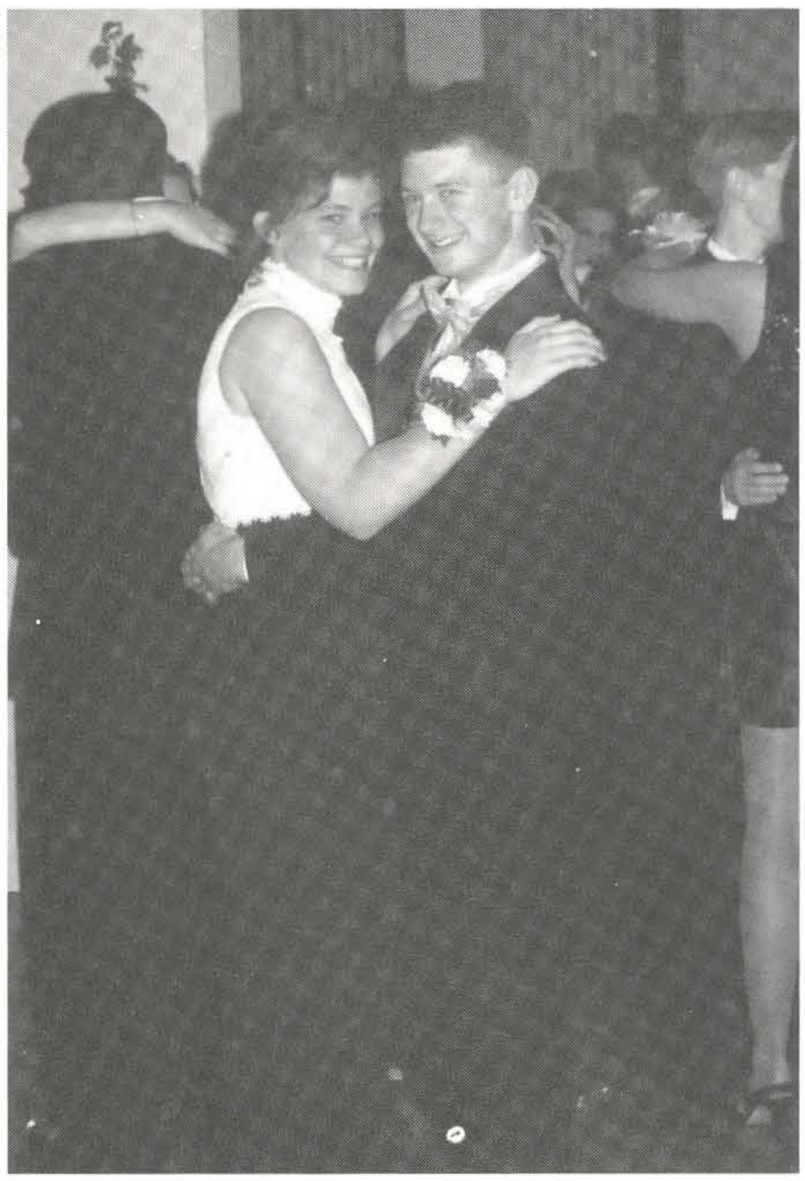
## Memories Start Here:

**Prom Theme**: One More Night

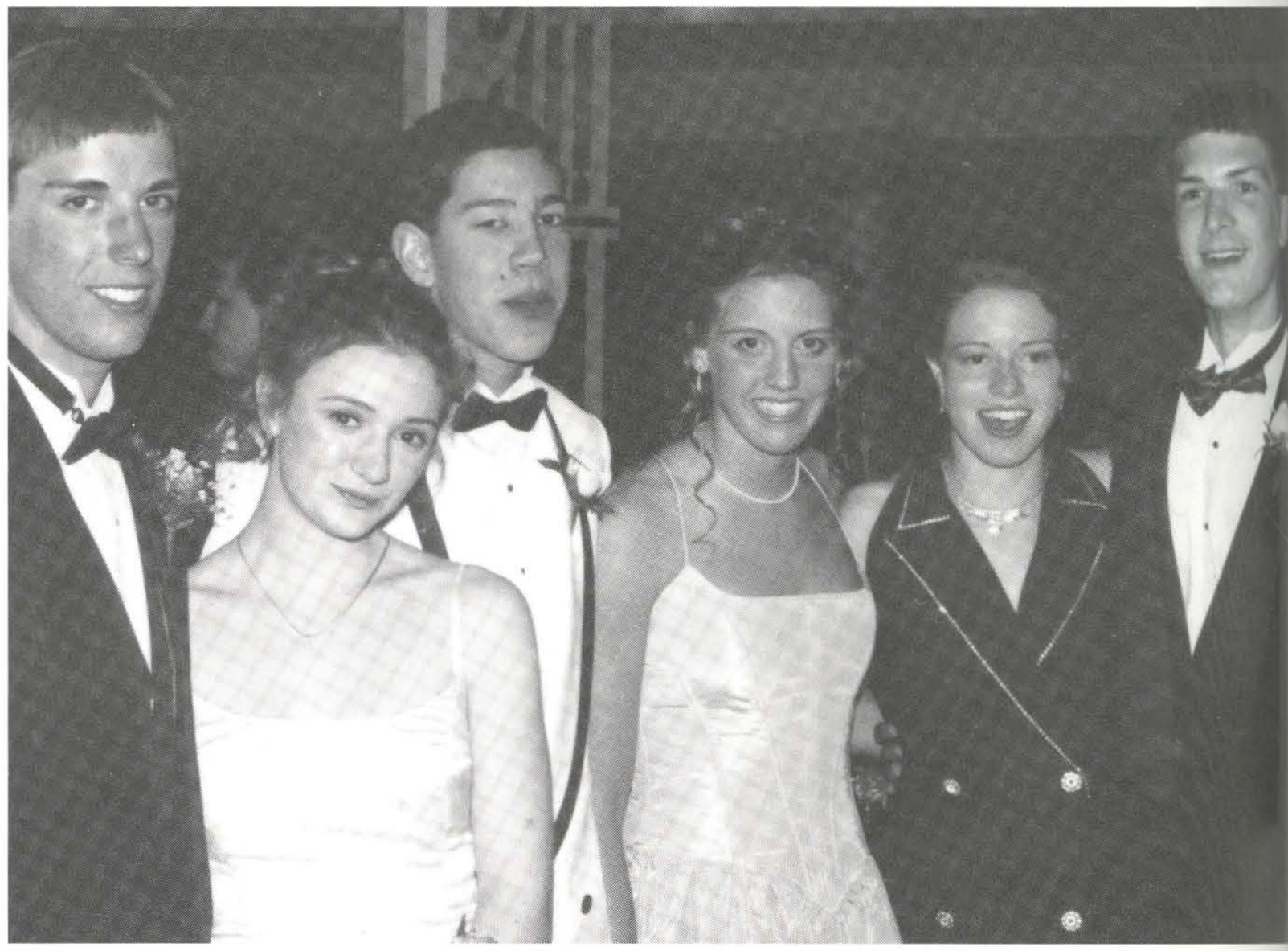
**Prom Song**: In Your Eyes

**Popular Dress Colors:** Red, Black, White and Blue

**Popular Restaurants**: Jim's, River Station, Richard's

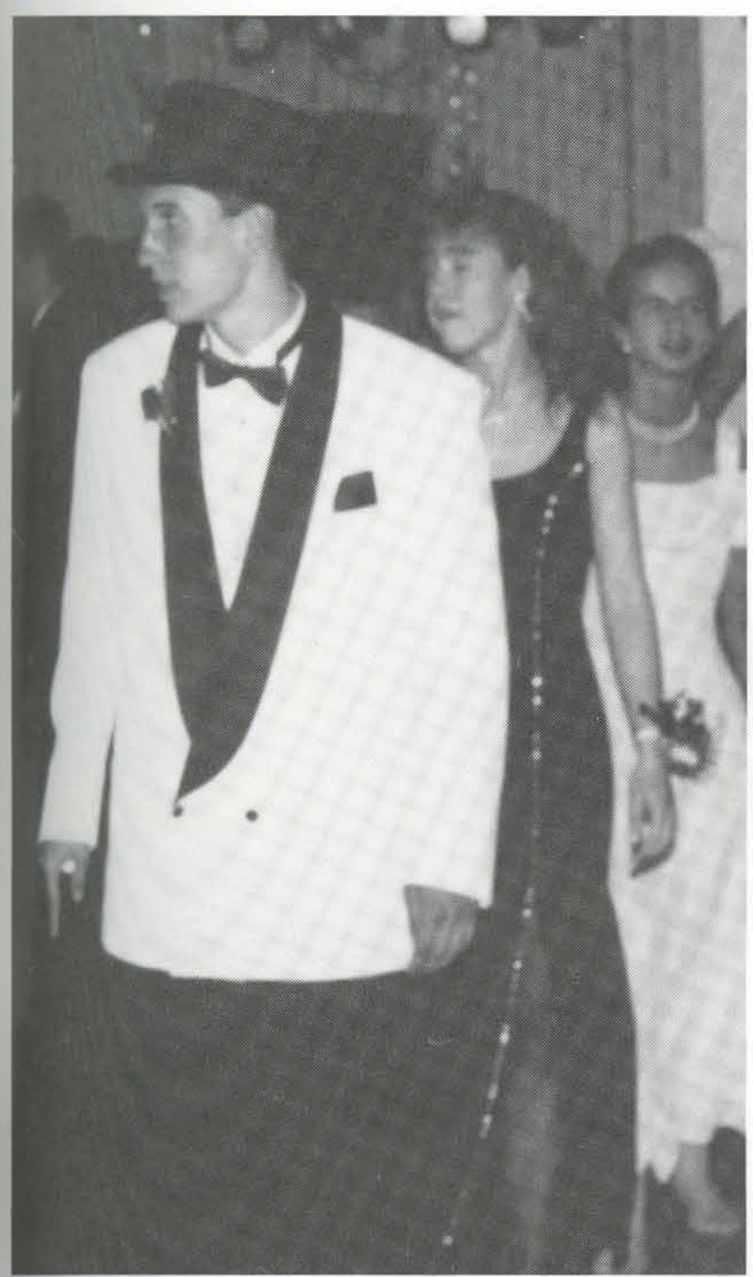


Above: Junior Michelle Bandy looks extremely beautiful with her date, junior John Armstrong.



Above: Juniors Andy Golomb, Rachel Flotkoetter, Molly Vetter, andTiffany Thetard, along with seniors K.C. Kuniyoshi and Tony Varda, stop dancing for a moment to rest and recuperate.

# "ONE MORE NIGHT"



Left: Senior Tom Beccue makes a dramatic entrance in his suave top hat and tuxedo. Paired with his gorgeous date senior Jill Wendeling, he was half of a lovely couple.

Below: King John Lutkehaus and Queen Sonia Sethi revel in their glory as royalty. Coincidently enough, this year's King and Queen came as a couple.

This year Prom-goers not only had the privilige of enjoying a warm evening under the stars, they had the chance to experience the lovely Miller Park Pavillion.

Flooded with gold and navy balloons and streamers, the large dance hall looked beautiful. The glittering Miller Park lake perfected the decor.

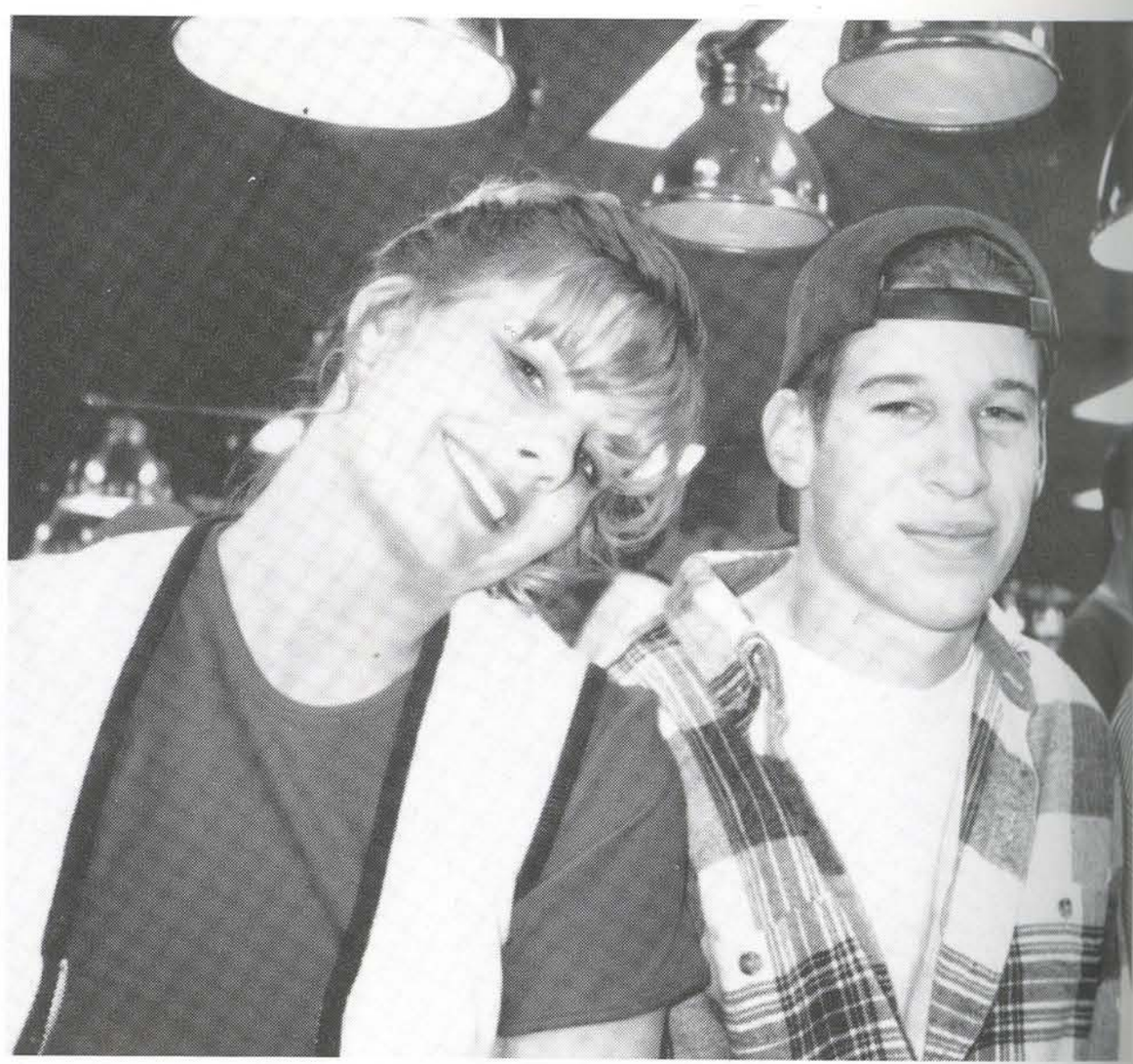
The evening's music was provided by U-High's own Scott Noles, who enjoyed mixing a lot of oldies in with the usual lack of slow songs.

Prom Court
Left to right: 1995 Royalty Chris Golwitzer and Victoria Van Kirk; Court Members Matt Spears, Amanda McKnight, Devin Padavil, Christine O'Connor, Eric Schlipf, Kim Donsbach, King John Lutkehaus, Queen Sonia Sethi, Rebecca Dady, Wesely Hunt, Sarah Stuckey, Nick Cottone, Carrie Borowski and Kurt Olson.

# CLASSES

Below: Seniors Adam Nord, Shannon Sparks, and Julie Abell and junior Danny Bradley took a quick time out before the bidding started. They pooled their money together and got the Six Flags Trip.

Right: Seniors Kristin Smith and Aaron Gruzynski await the winners of the raffle. Lady Luck came their way - Smith won the television set and Grusynski won the refridgerator.



Above: Juniors Nicole Rainey, Kristi Witherow, and Joe Whitaker try to keep their eyes open as the night wears on.

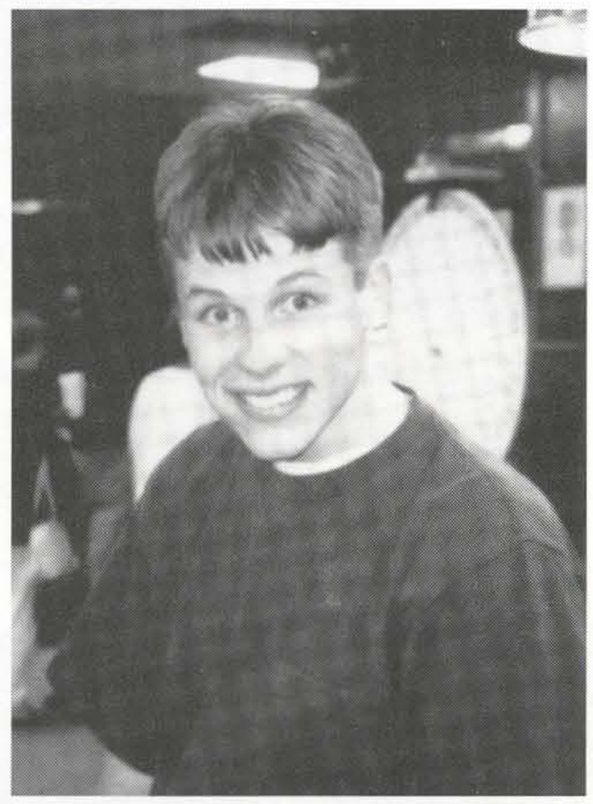
Right: Juniors Molly McCambridge and Ryan Hoelting try to win something in the auction. McCambridge and Hoelting put their money together to try to win a big item.

Right: Juniors Judy Yin and Adrianne Fuller stop to pose for a picture on their way to the blackjack tables. Yin and Fuller cleaned up on the blackjack table.

# After Prom

*After the magic of the dance, students geared up for another exciting experience: After Prom 1996*

This year, After Prom was held at Ride the Nine. The cost was $10 per person. Students were required to arrive at 1:00 AM and could not leave until 4:00 AM. Junior parents and Boosters set up After Prom for the students. There were many different activities for the students to take part in. There were card games including Black-jack and Seven Up, Seven Down. If card games did not appeal to you, then you could also try to win money from the wheel-o-fortune or the ring toss. If gambling was not big on your list, then billards tables were open too. Food and drinks were provided to the students. The auction was held at 3:00. Among the prizes to bid on were items such as a trip to Six Flags in St. Louis and a free membership at Larry Strong. On the way out, students received a 15% discount at Perkins for breakfast, which many took advantage of.



Above: Senior Matt Spears shows how tough he is in the game of pool. "I am the best when it comes to Billards," said Spears.

Left: Juniors Joanie Gerdes, Lauren Reno and Emily Eaton get ready for the auction. "After Prom was a blast this year. The auction was the best part," said Gerdes.

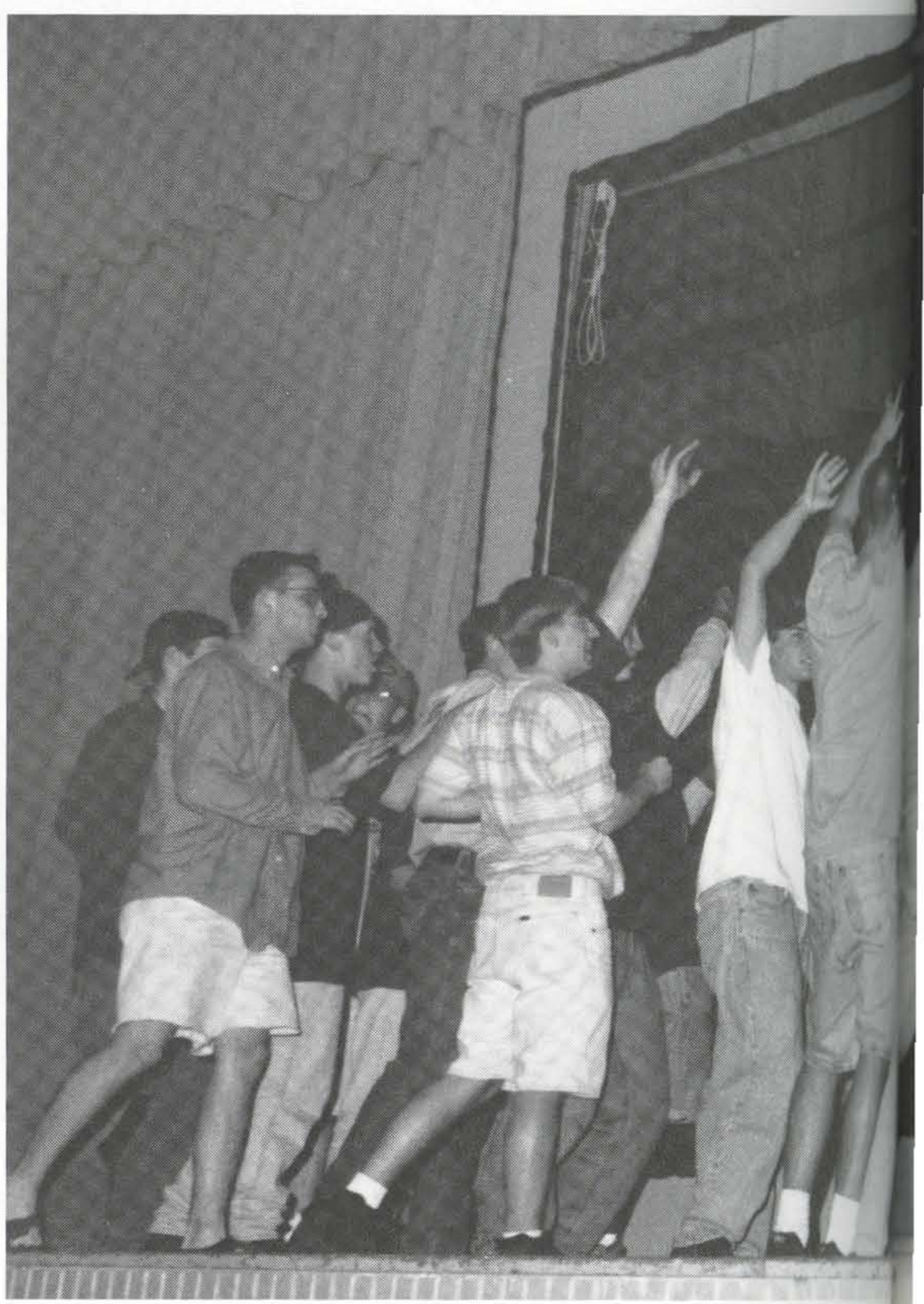
# Class Night 1996

This year, the class of 1996 carried on the tradition of Class Night, as well as making some of their own. This year an important part of the making of Class Night was the institution of the Class Night Steering Committee. Serving as a liason between the administration and the students, this group of six seniors, representing the entire senior class, met with Mr. Ducett once or twice a month to discuss issues surrounding Class Night and to plan and organize the annual event.

The theme behind this year's Class Night was T.V. The set consisted of a gigantic fluorescent orange "T.V. screen." The emcees were in posession of a giant "remote control" which they used to "switch channels" from various skits and videos to Norwegian Wood, the band selected to play at Class Night.

Class Night 1996 was made memorable by the lack of senior wills to read, the office skit, the "Duckman" video, Norwegian Wood and the video "Surrealist Theatre" which made a majority of the audience members ask "What the hellwas that?!" Ending with the moving up of classes, Class Night was a night to be enjoyed by all.

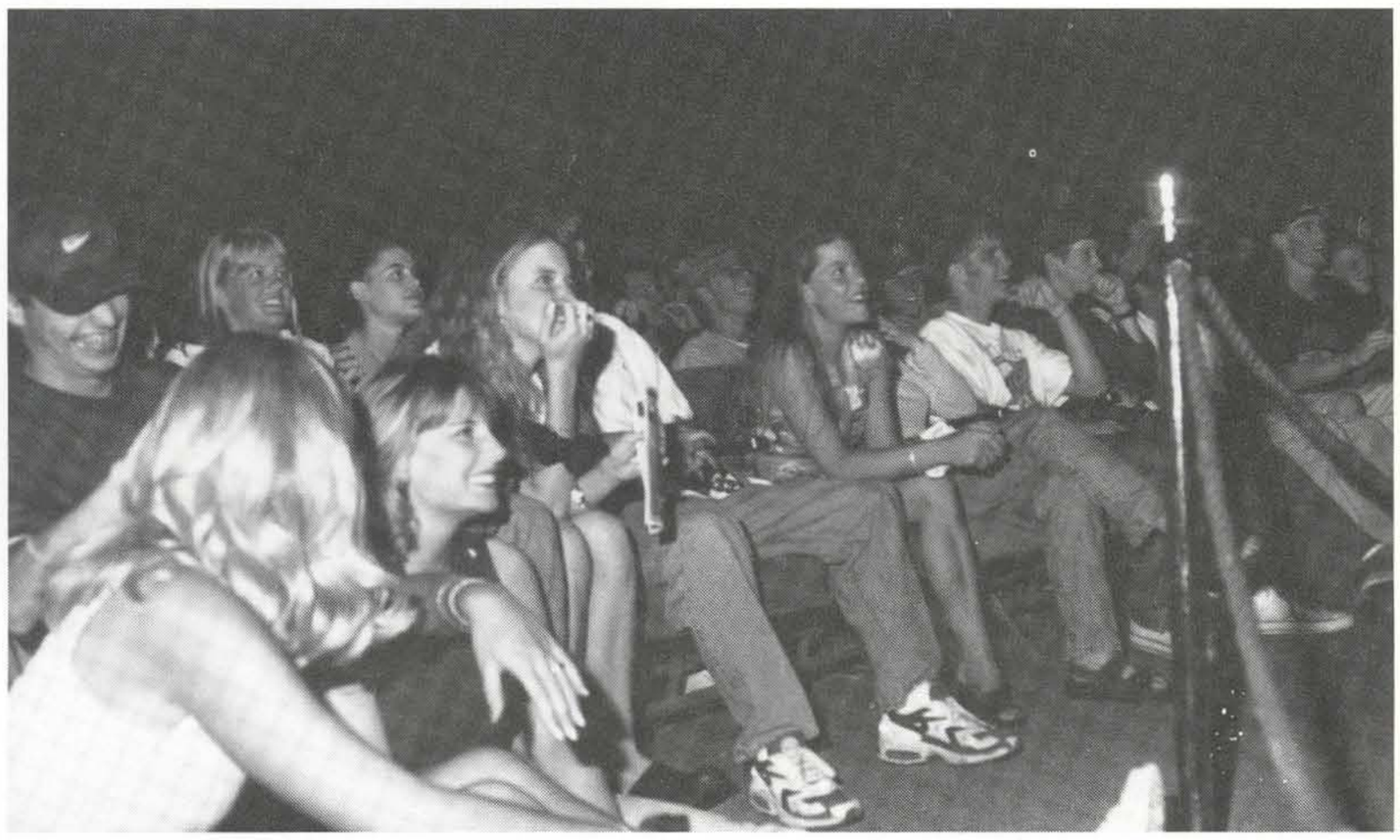
Above: Bill Thake stops singing to listen in awe to Randy Gannaway's incredible guitar playing while Karmy Kays plays on, modeling the flaming red wig he wore for several songs. Karmy, Bill and Randy made up the band Norwegian Wood, which was selected to play at Class Night. Also in the band is Gavin Kalley (not pictured) who plays the drums.



# Legacy for the Future

Left: Matt Spears snags the remote before Matt McClintock, Ryan Henderson or Amy Wilson can get to it. These four enjoyed the unique bonding experience of watching T.V. as the emcees for Class Night.

Below: "This is OUR Class Night." On one of the most popular nights of the school year, the members of the senior class enjoy watching the antics of their classmates on the stage.

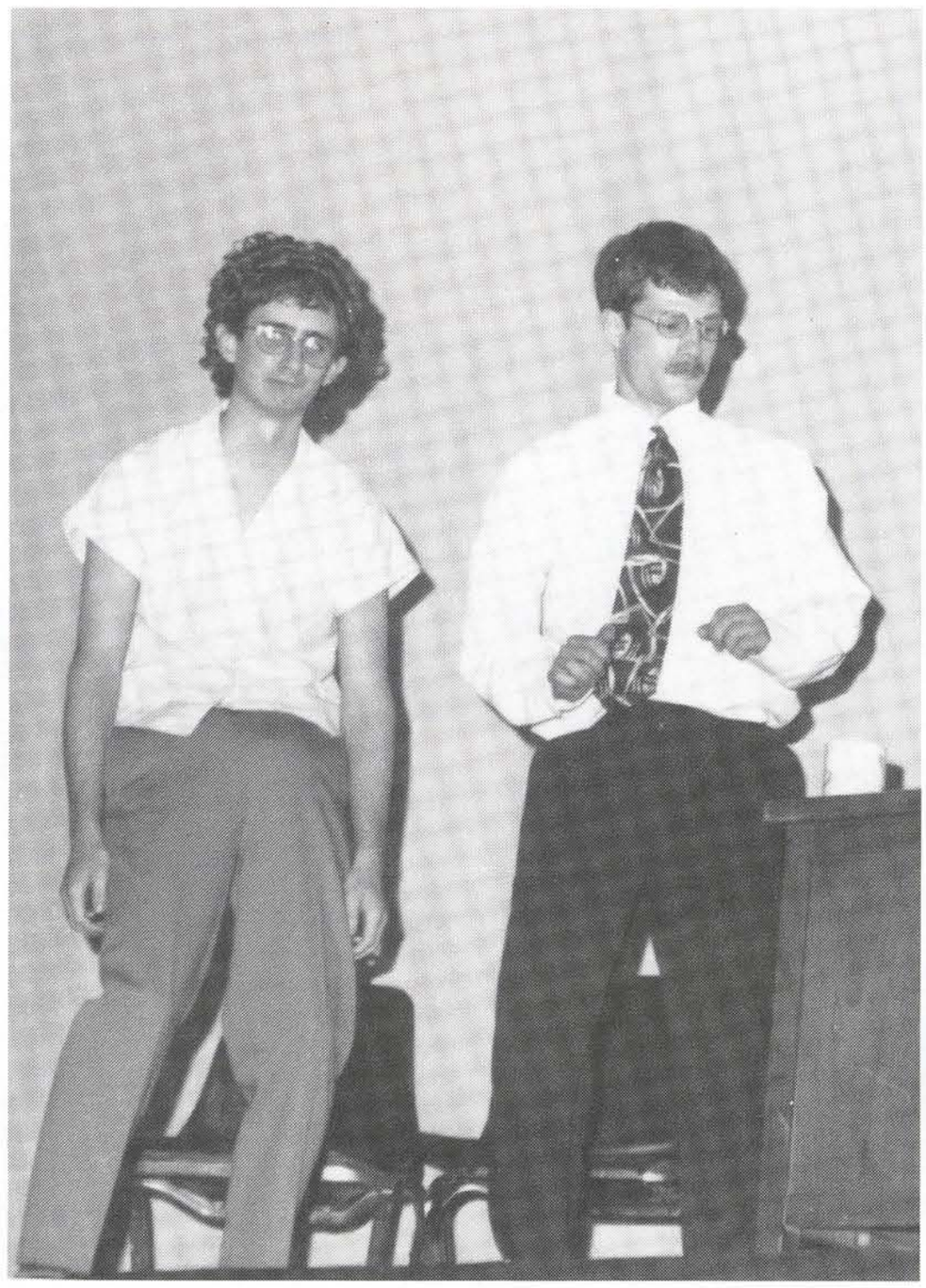


Left: Some of the more enthusiastic members of the senior class bound up onto the stage to dance to the tunes of Norwegian Wood and wonder why the T.V. is such a bright orange color.

Above: Members of the U-High faculty party in the office. Actually, it was only Ray Podesta, Eric Lott and Bob Alstrum-Acevedo as Deb Christner, the janitor and Mr. Ducett in the office skit.

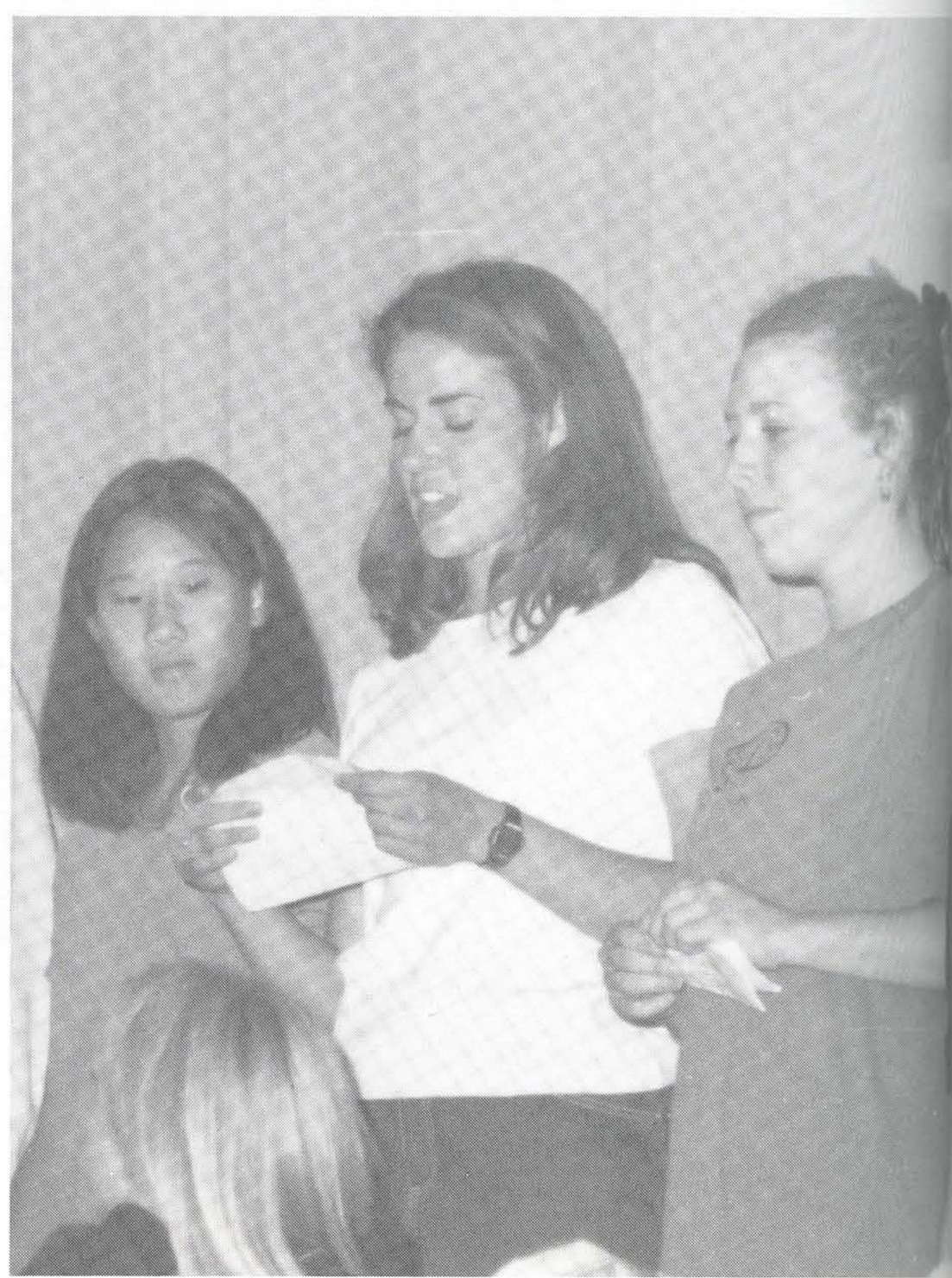
# Class Night 1996

Right: Mrs. Kiser (portrayed by Mike Perillo) and Mr. Ducett (played by Bob Alstrum-Acevedo) give the audience a glimpse of what life in the U-High main office is really like. The office skit is a traditional component of Class Night. Also portraying teachers and administrators in the skit were Carrie Borowski as Dr. Coolican, Deirdre Welsh as Lily Meiner, Eric Lott as Bruce the janitor, Jeremy Schneckloth as Coach Hubbard and a gorilla-suited Ray Podesta as registrar Deb Christner.



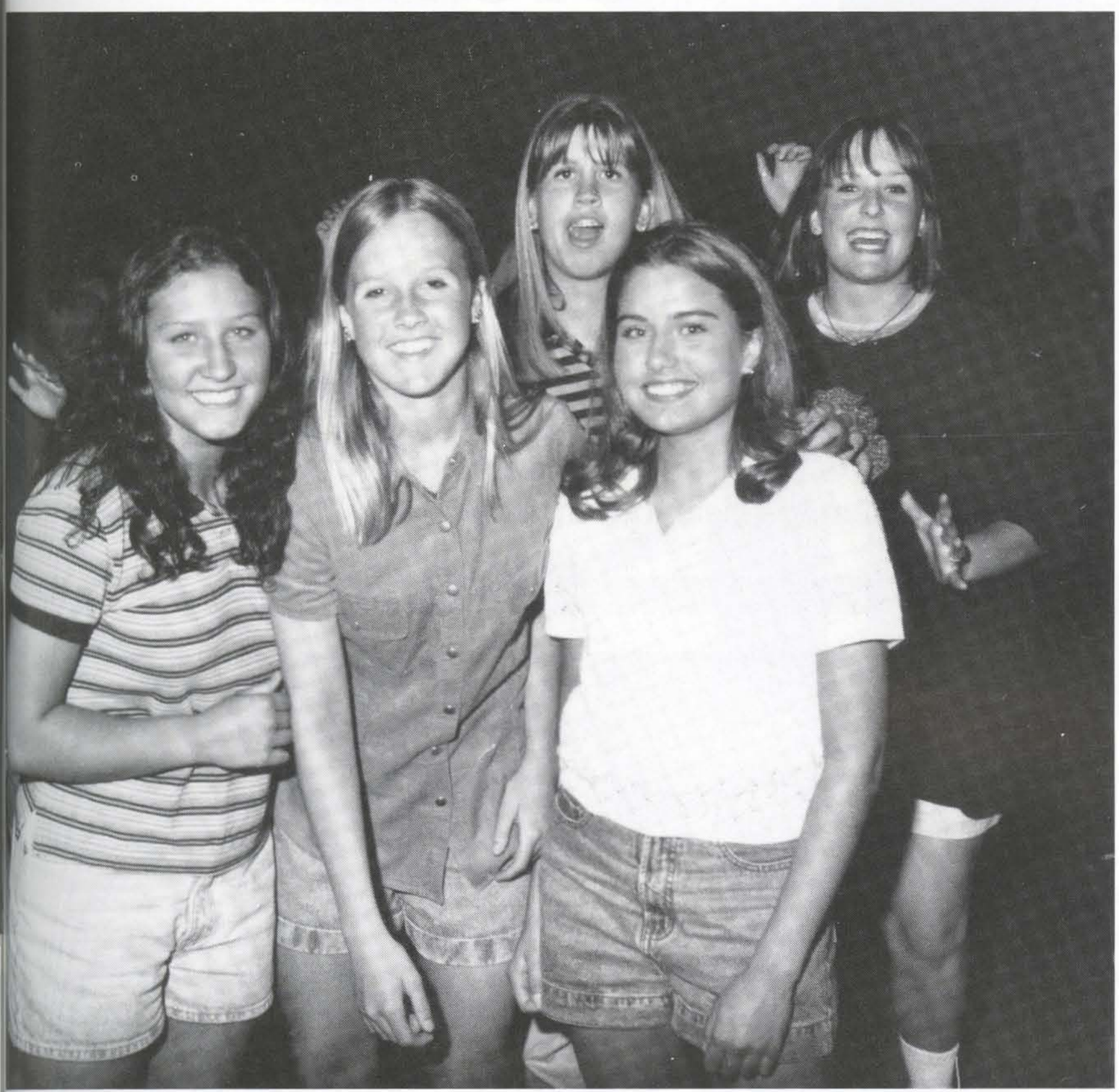
Far Right: "Duckman" aka Nick Cottone jumps up on the stage and interrupts Norwegian Wood's set to harrass band member Bill Thake. Norwegian Wood was chosen to perform at class night after going through an audition process. The band played mostly classic rock with a few original songs.

Above: Ben Fritz, Andy Matthews and Jill Wendling deliver the annual "Class Night News." The newscast was entertaining despite problems with slides not working.



Right: Stephanie Te and Jerusha Pedersen wait their turns as Anne Arnold reads one of the few senior wills that were approved to be read aloud at Class Night.

# Fun Times Start Here



After the skits, jokes, senior wills and the performance by Norwegian Wood were over with, many of the students relocated to the gym for the Class Night dance, which lasted until 11 PM.

Music was provided by D.J. "Snazzy Scott" Noles and the band H-Bomb Secret. H-Bomb Secret was comprised of senior Jon Thompson, juniors Nate Bair, John Stuckey, Matt Schweitzer and freshman Zach Blick.

Highlights of the dance included a mosh pit during the performance of H-Bomb Secret and several participation dances. Everyone joined together to do the "Chicken Dance" and even Dr. Coolican joined in on "the Bunny Hop."

Above: Freshmen A.J. Cunningham, Nicole Niebur, Andrea Steuck, Jessica Cumpston and Lane Lampert take time out of the dance to pose for the camera. Their happy smiles came from the knowledge that soon they would no longer be the youngest in the school.

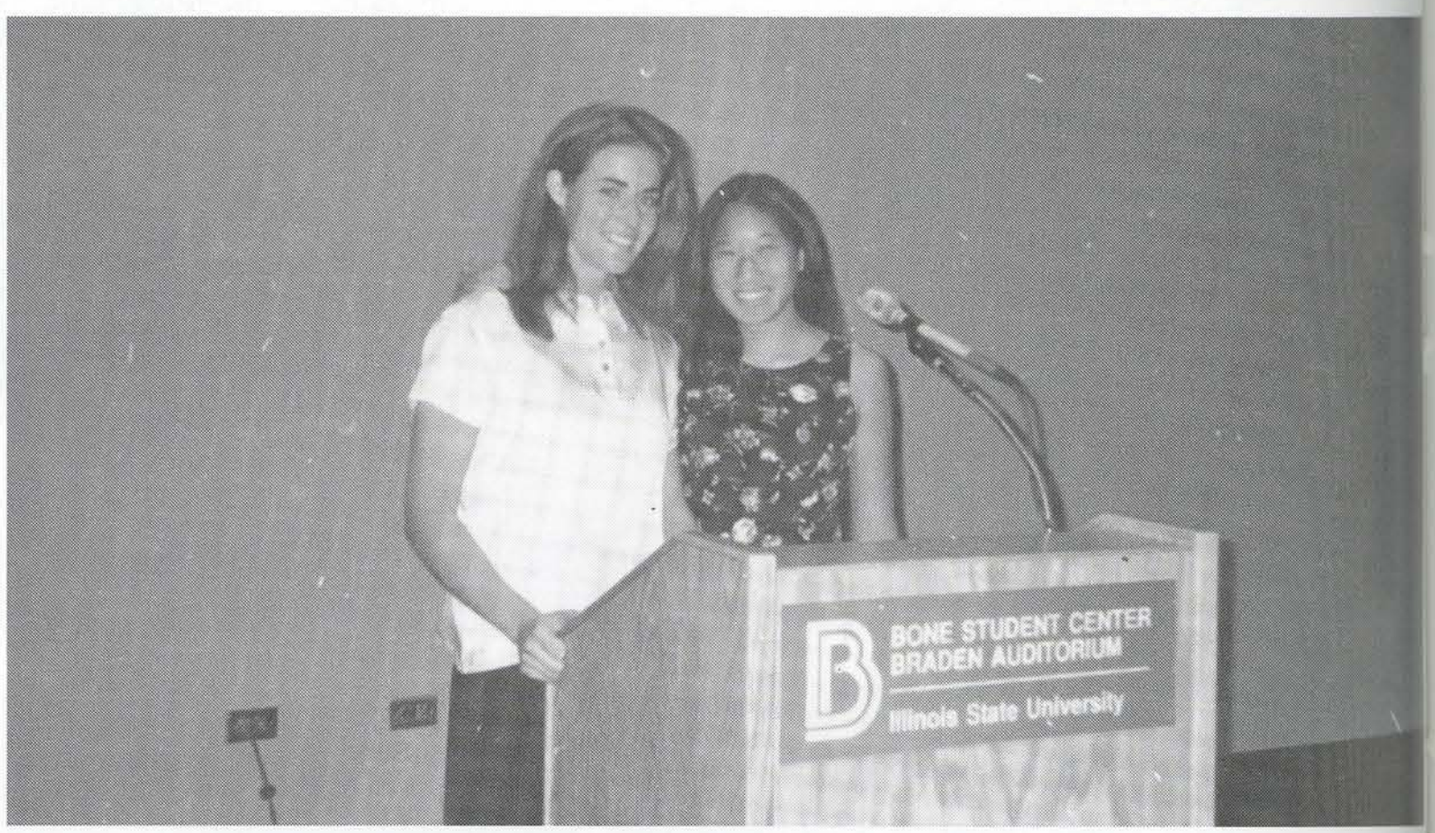
Right: Sophomore Natasha Owen persuades freshman T.J. Crusius to join in the festivities at the annual Class Night dance. The Class Night dance is a good chance for friends to have fun together before the summer, as well as giving them a chance to meet the incoming freshmen.

# Senior Brunch

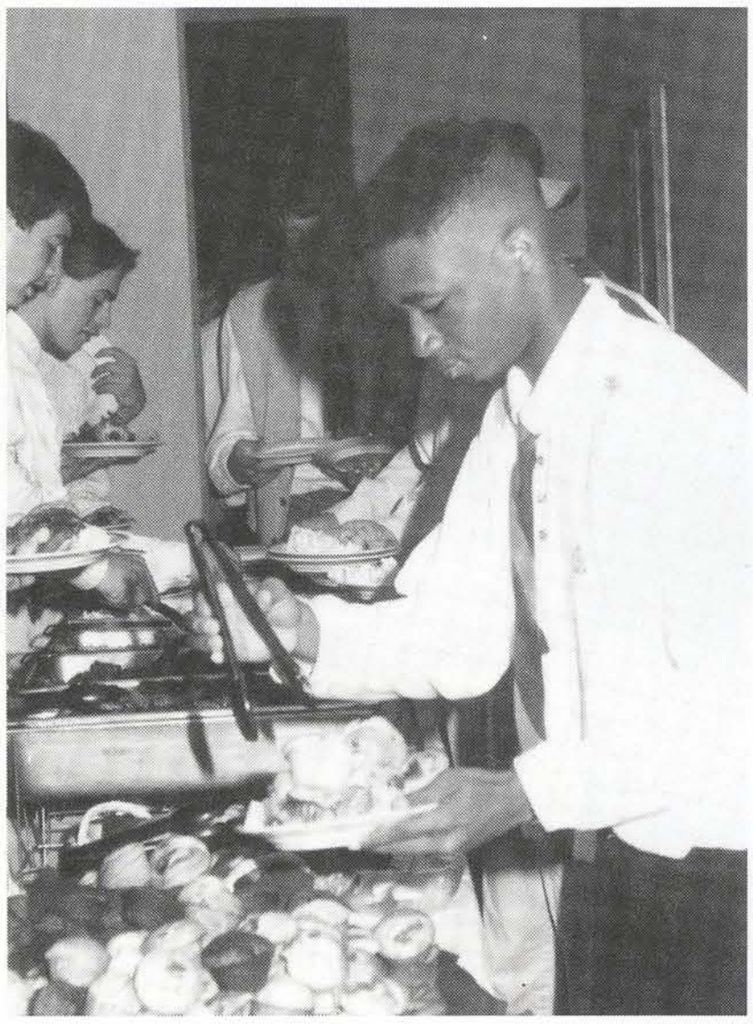
Senior Brunch for the Class of 1996 was held in the Old Main Room of Bone Student Center. Earlier in the year, there was some debate as to whether to have it at Bloomington Country Club or the Old Main Room. The senior class took a vote and chose to have brunch at Bloomington Country Club. However, some people objected to patronizing Bloomington Country Club, citing reasons relating to personal politics. In the end, however, there was not enough money to hold the brunch at Bloomington Country Club, so the event was moved to the Old Main Room.

In addition to the brunch, which consisted of fruit, hashbrowns, eggs, bacon, sausage, muffins and juice, seniors received awards and had the opportunity to reminisce and start saying goodbye to their friends. Seniors were also given a second chance to vote on the class song and listened to a message from Mrs. Kiser telling them to "clean out their lockers!"

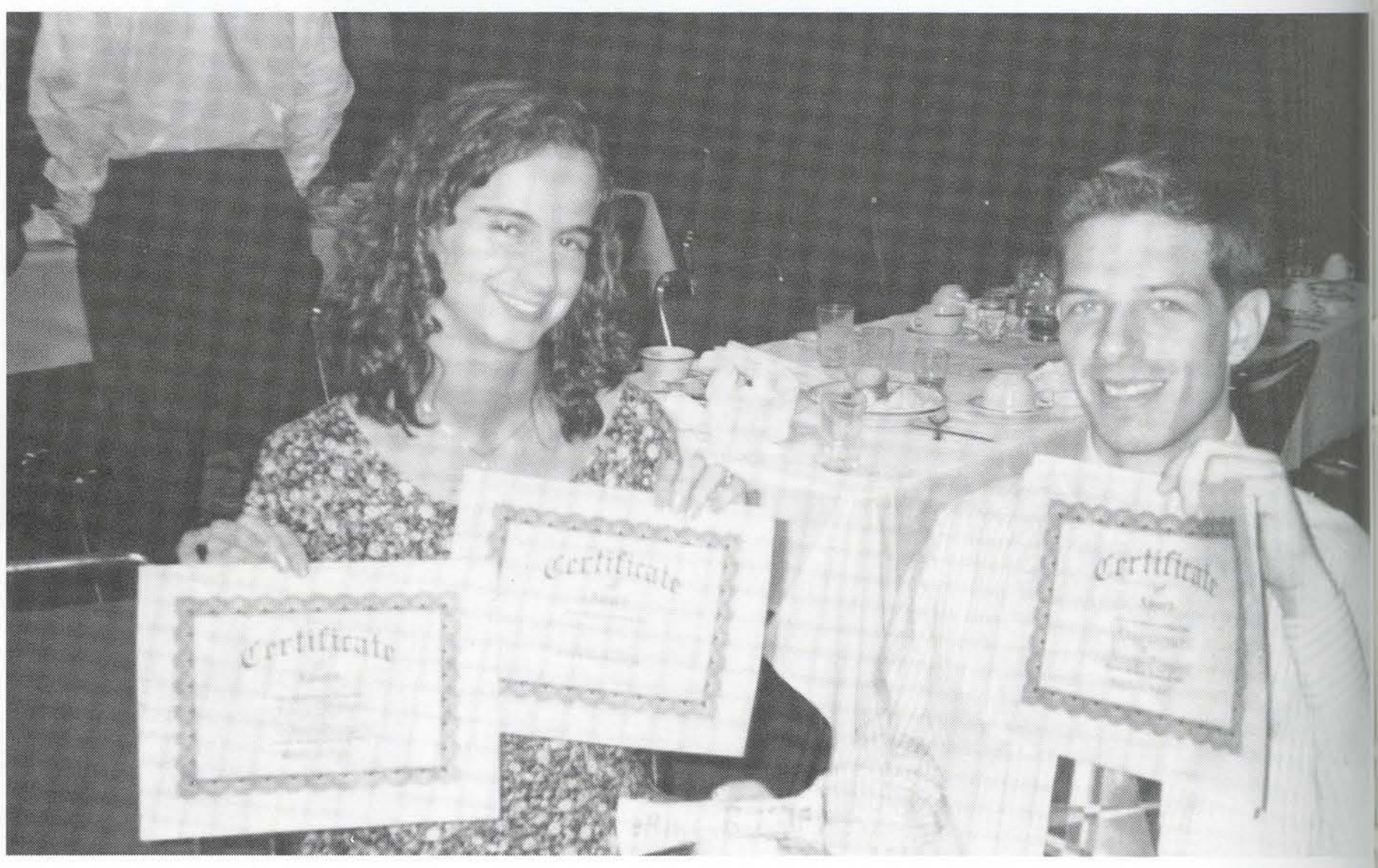
Right: Anne Arnold and Stephanie Te preside over the senior brunch. They presented the senior awards which the class had voted on at a class meeting.

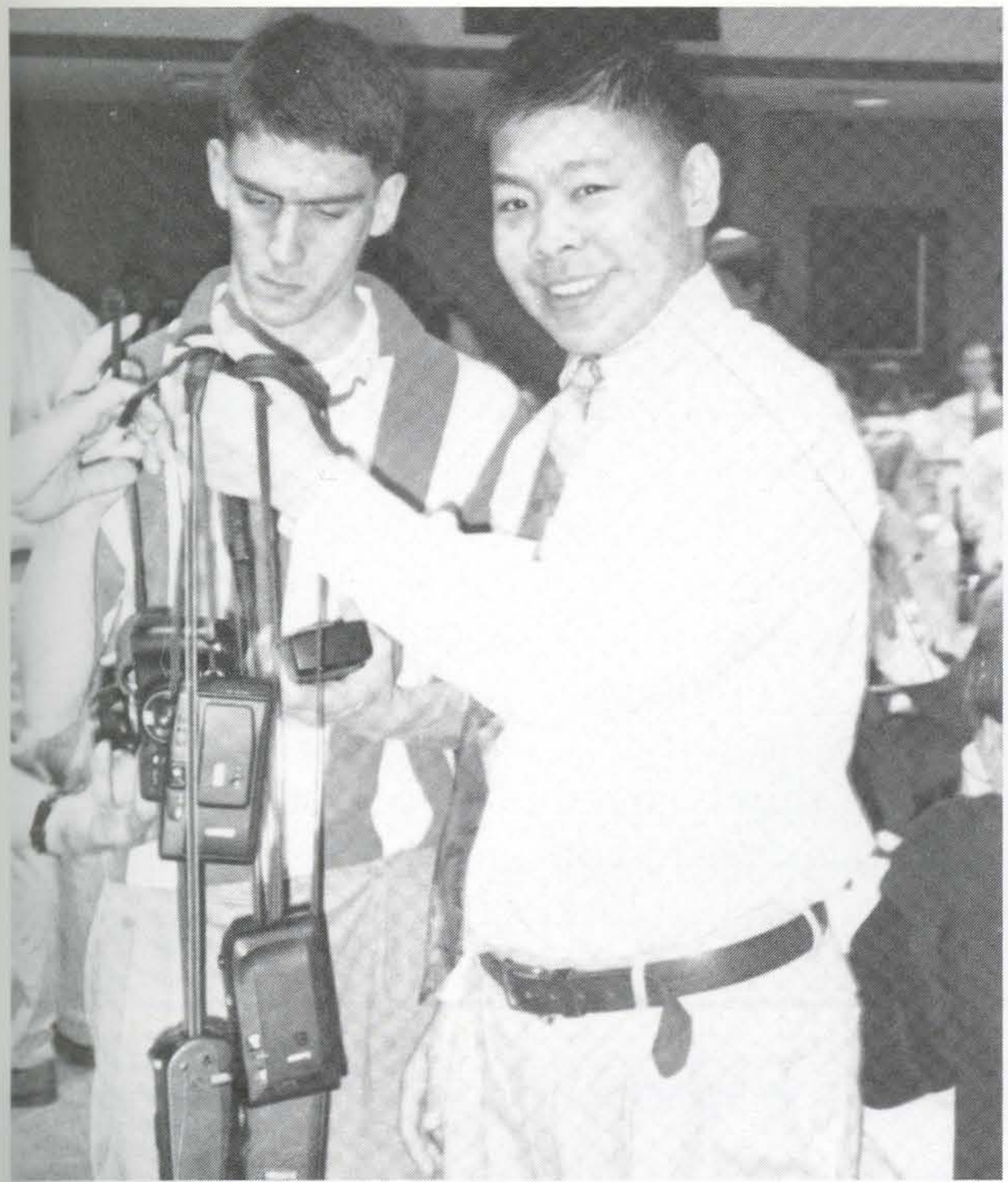



Below: Like most of the members of the graduating class, J.J. Simpson hungrily helps himself to some of the yummy brunch. We hope all those muffins will fill you up...



Below Left: Jenny Tempest and Tony Segneri display the awards they earned for being the best couple. They received certificates as well as Junior Mints and a Baby Ruth respresenting hypothetical children in their future.





Left: Although Ted Schurter is the one usually seen with a camera, Kuo-Chiang Lian is quite the "in demand" photographer. Here he holds cameras given to him by friends eager to have their pictures taken. Posing for pictures was a favorite activity for the seniors who were spruced up for the occasion.

Below: Zach Kuethe and Wes Hunt dream about their futures as they enjoy their food at the Senior Brunch they waited four years for. Senior Brunch is a popular senior activity because it is traditionally held on the first day of no classes for graduating seniors.

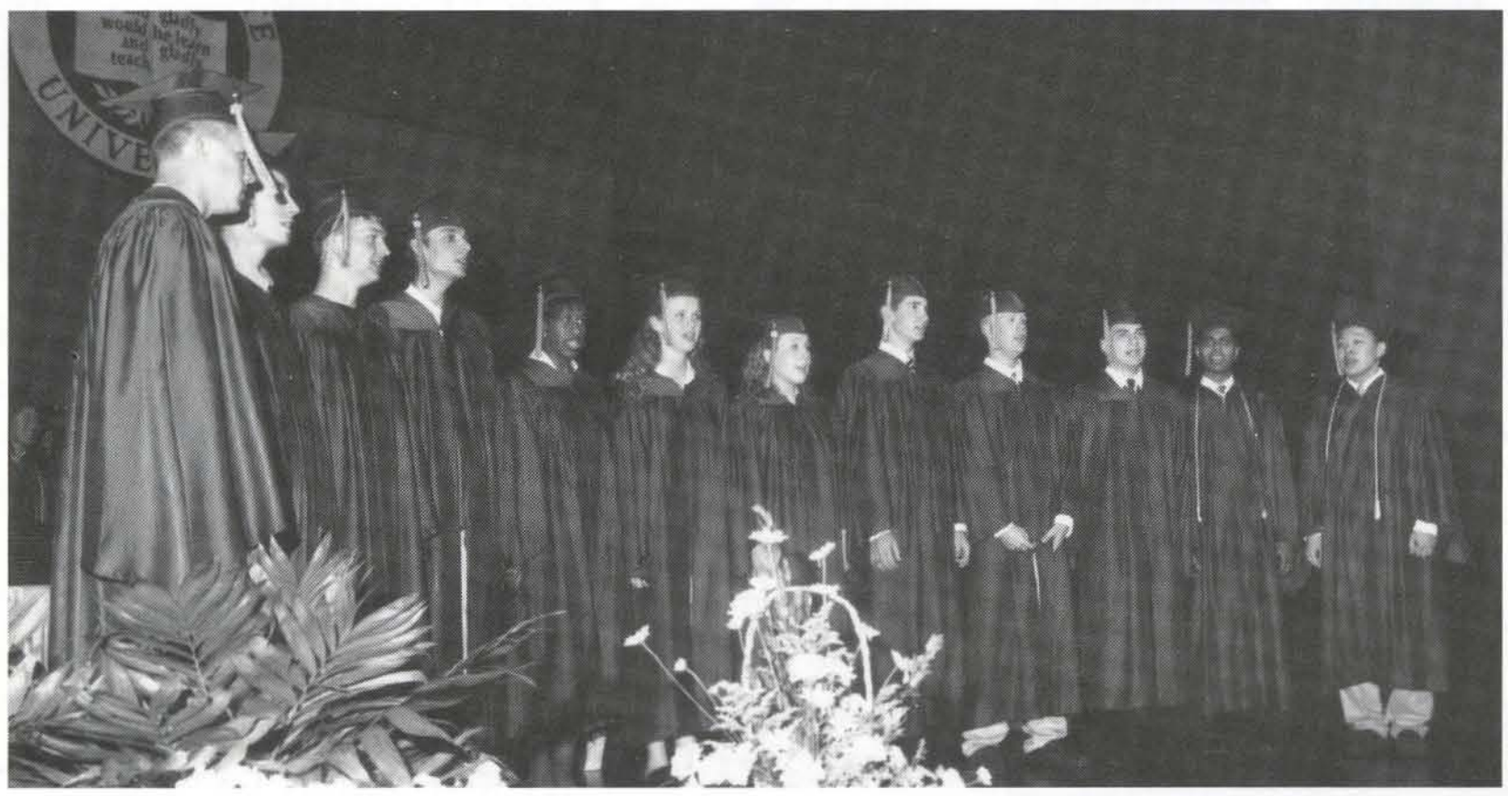
# Senior Awards

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Best Hair:** | Matt Spears | Sarah Stuckey |
| **Best Eyes:** | Gavin Kalley | Allyson Miller |
| **Best Dressed:** | Adam Milligan | Mandy McKnight |
| **Best Couple:** | Tony Segneri | Jenny Tempest |
| **Biggest Mooch:** | Jordan Wallace | Chela Kapanga |
| **Biggest Mack:** | Kuo-Chiang Lian | Poorvi Shah |
| **Biggest Daredevil:** | K.C. Kuniyoshi | Jana Jones |
| **Biggest Friday Night Studiers:** | Joydip Chakravarty | Lynn Cyrus |
| **Most Likely to Host a Talk Show:** | Devin Padavil | Jenny Tempest |
| **Most Likely to Be on a Talk Show:** | LeMarr Williams | Julie Abell |

# A Step Towards the Future

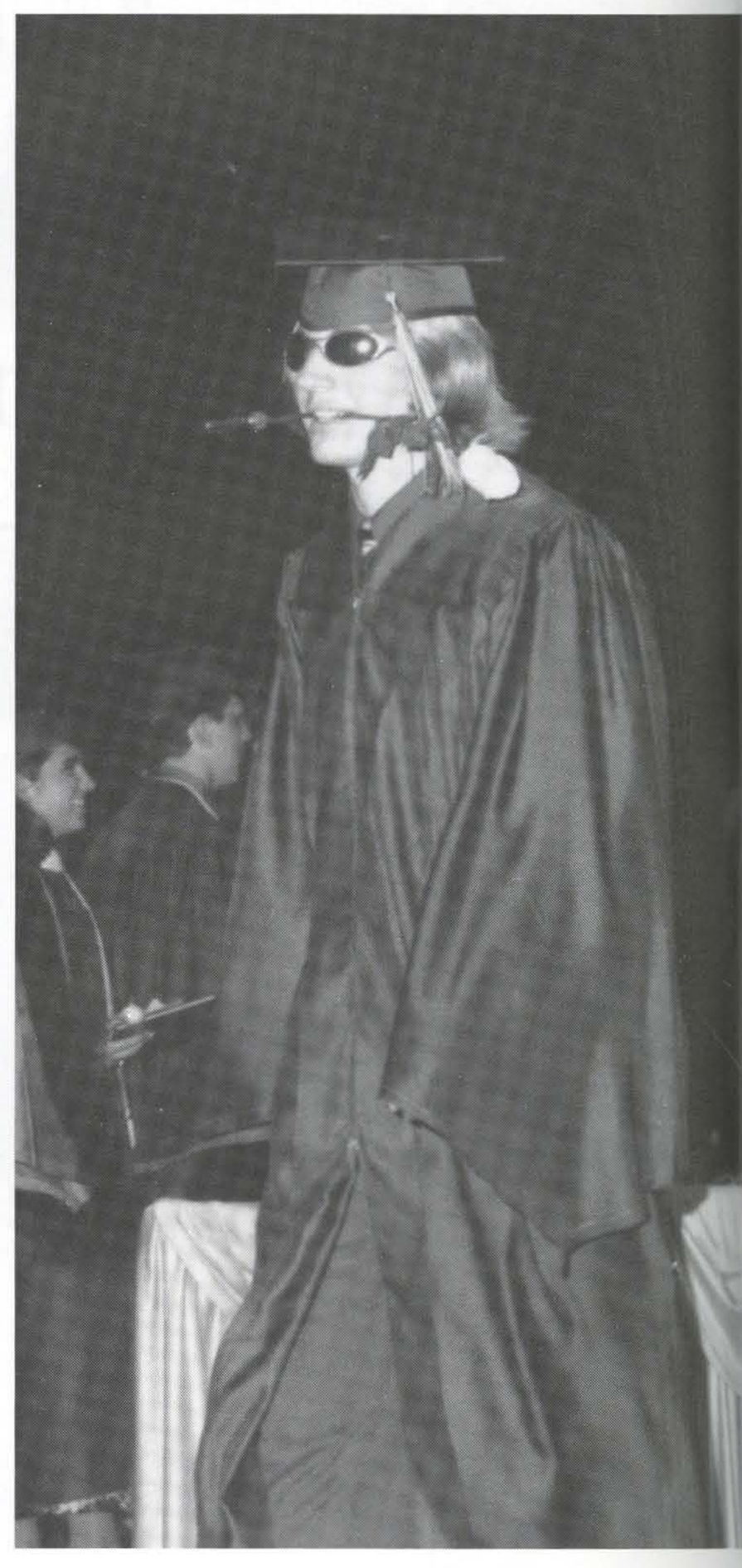
On Friday, May 31st, the Class of 1996 gathered together for the last time. They stood patiently underneath the stage at Braden Auditorium, waiting for the ceremony to begin. Mortarboards were straightened, collars were attached to gowns, future plans were discussed. Teachers checked students' apparel for quirky displays of fashion sense and removed all that were found.

Then the cue was given for students to form their lines and make their way up the stairs to the stage. When everyone was in their seats, the ceremony began with Dr. Coolican introducing the four student speakers - Noah Larsen, Andy Matthews, Sonia Sethi, and Julie Yeagle. Cords were given to the top members of the class, and diplomas were given to all. Dr. Coolican also presented white roses to each graduate and then presented the audience with the graduating class. In defiance of a U-High tradition, the students threw their caps into the air in celebration of surviving their four years at University High School. The Class of 1996 had taken another step towards the future.

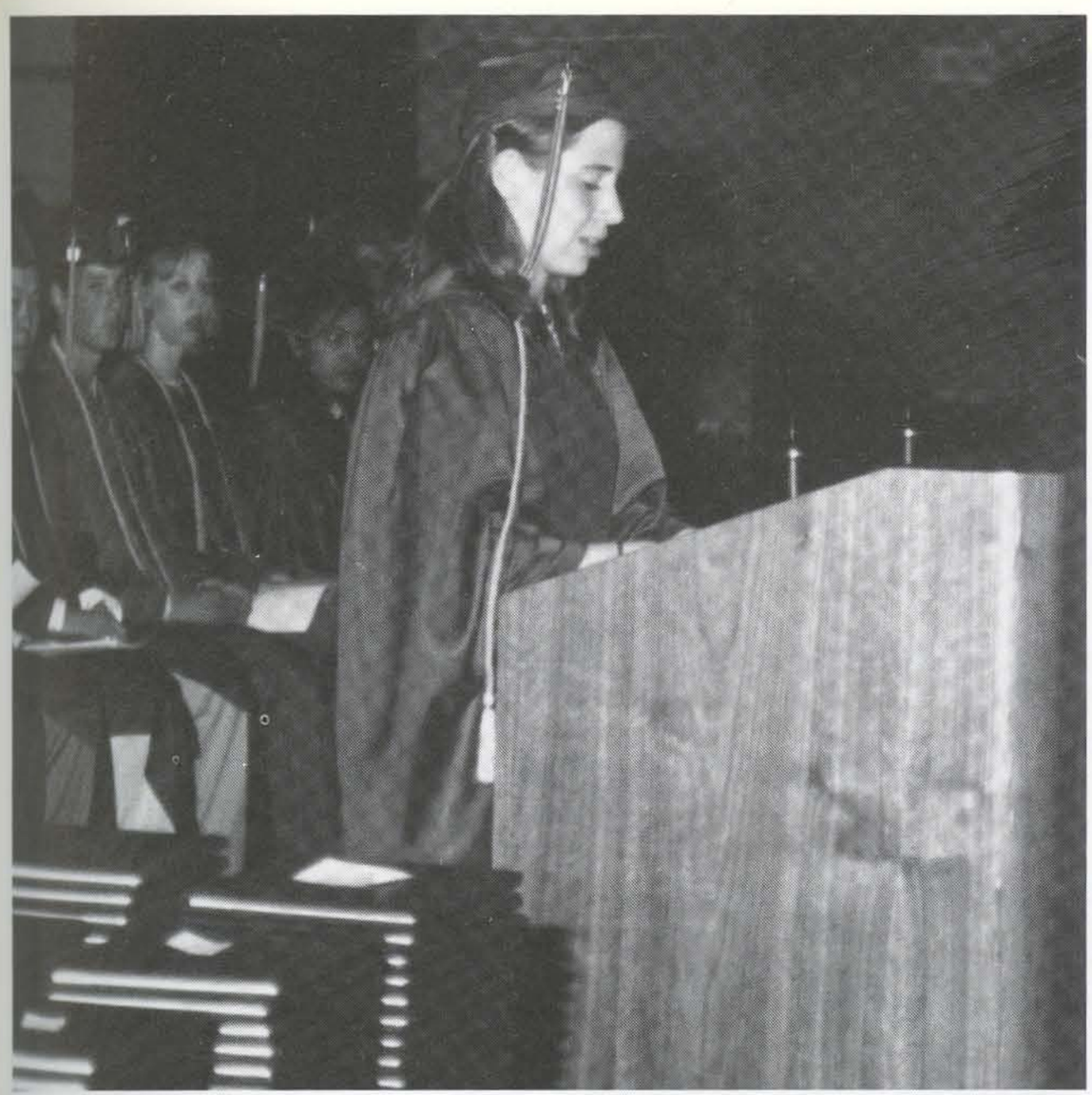


Above: The twelve senior members of the U-High chorus serenaded the audience with their final rendition of the Alma Mater.

Right: Jerusha Pedersen, Jessica Vetter, Joni Anderson, Numan Ahmed and Tom Beccue arrive in the loading bay area of Braden Auditorium, caps and gowns in hand. The graduates waited in a sub-basement below the stage so the audience wouldn't hear their excited chatter.

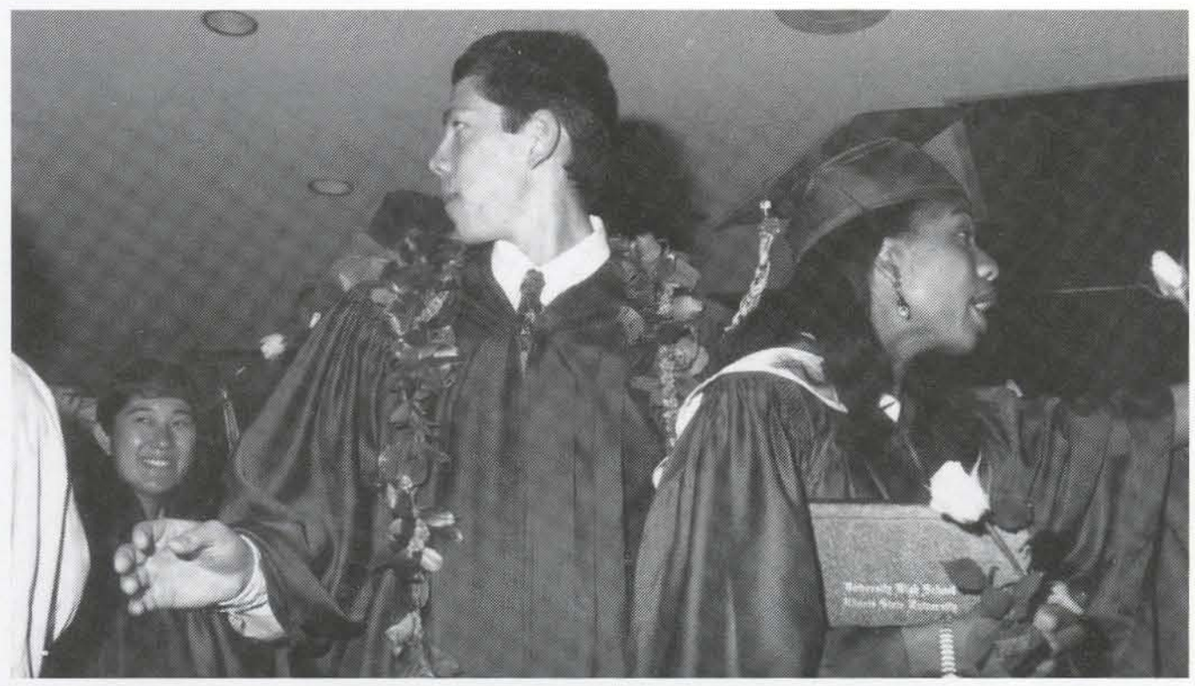


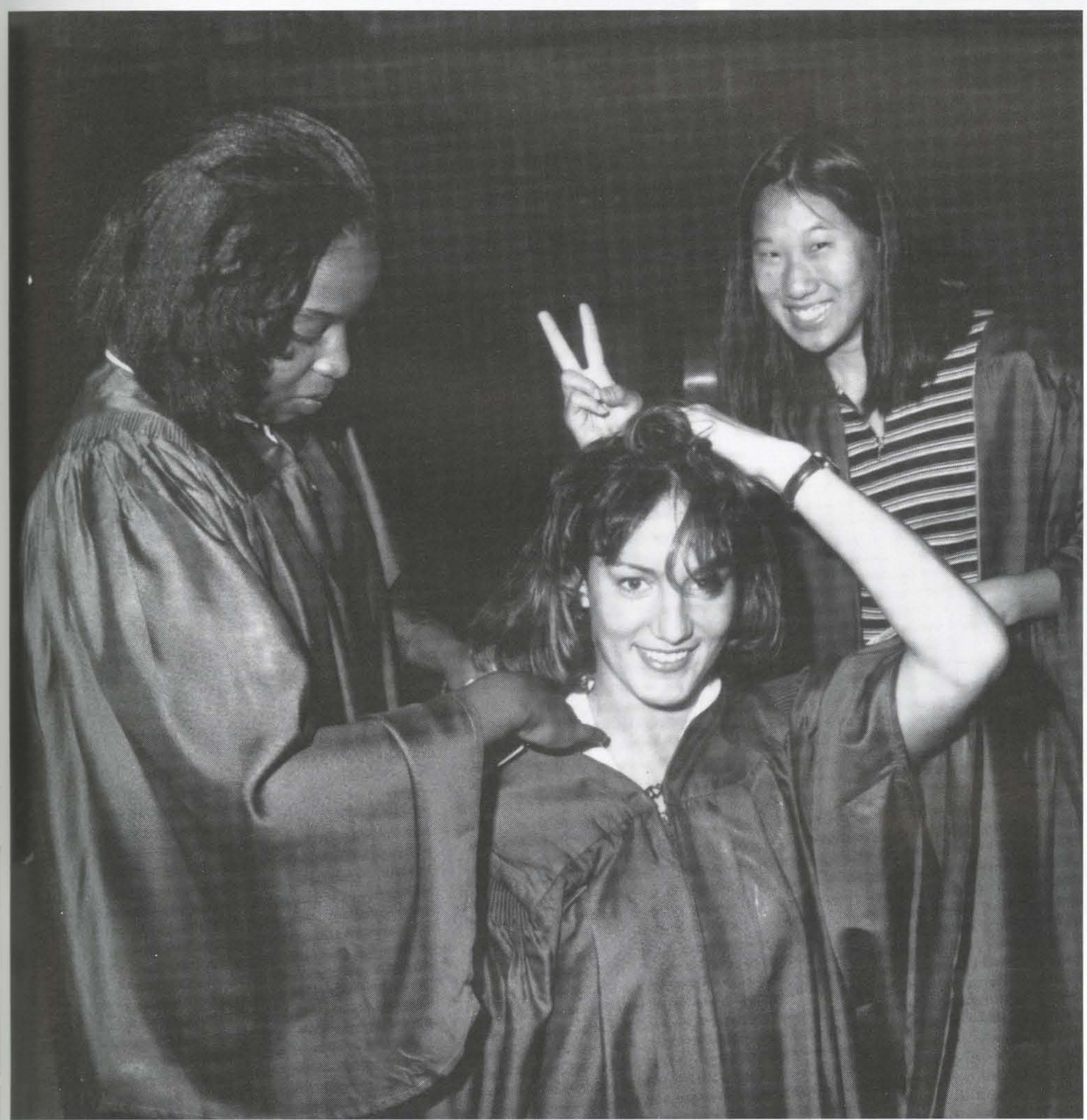
Right: Jon Thompson was one of the few students who got away with being "different" on a night when everyone was supposed to look the same. The standard cap and gown didn't stop anyone from displaying their personality as they proudly walked across the stage.



Right: Julie Yeagle amused the audience with her speech about a few of her dreams and the importance of realizing your dreams in life. A few of the graduation speeches ran along the same theme this year - have a dream, and live it.

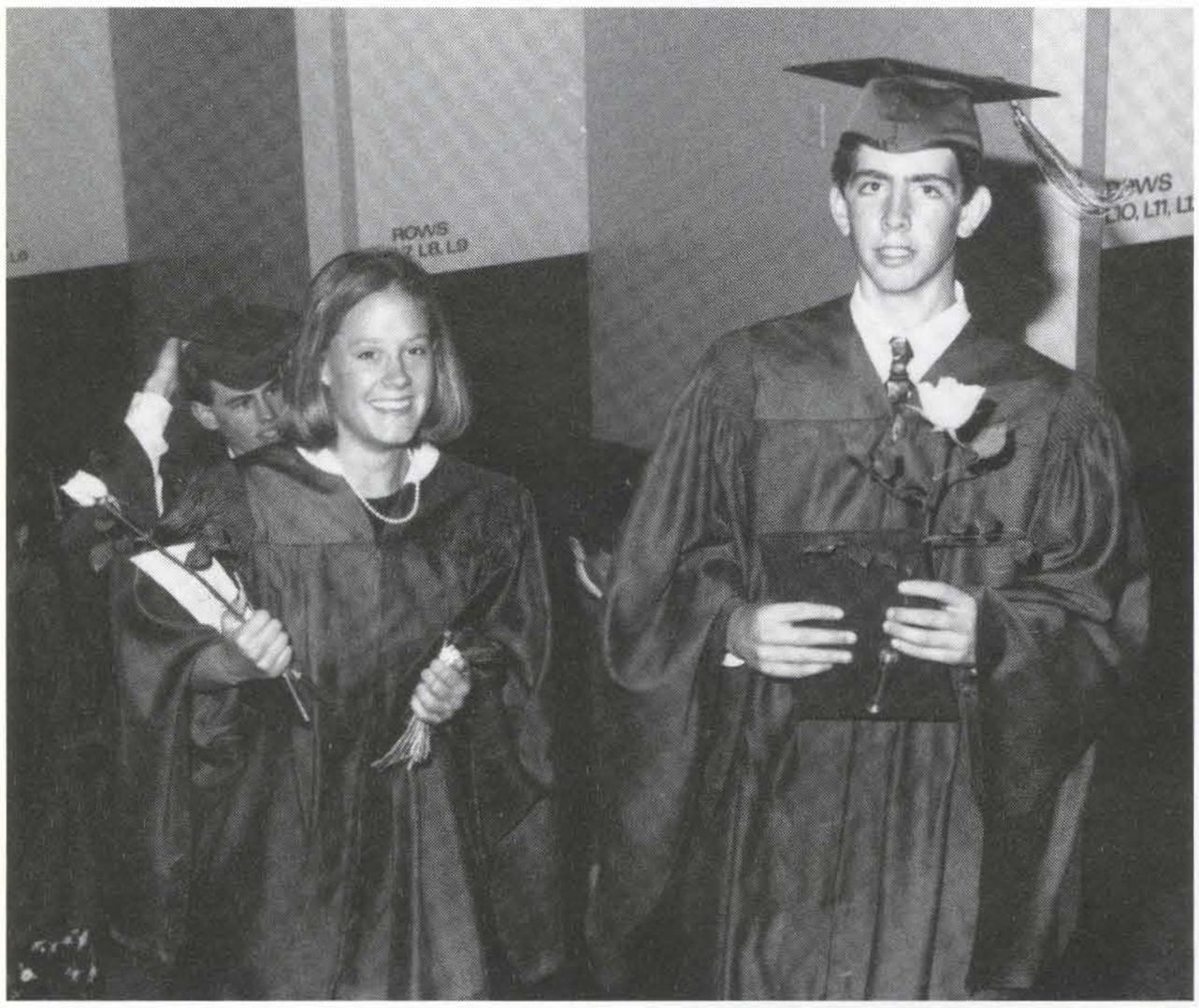
Below: Crystal Carter and K.C. Kuniyoshi, sporting the Hawaiian lei that he wasn't allowed to wear during the ceremony, made their way through the crowd outside the auditorium.

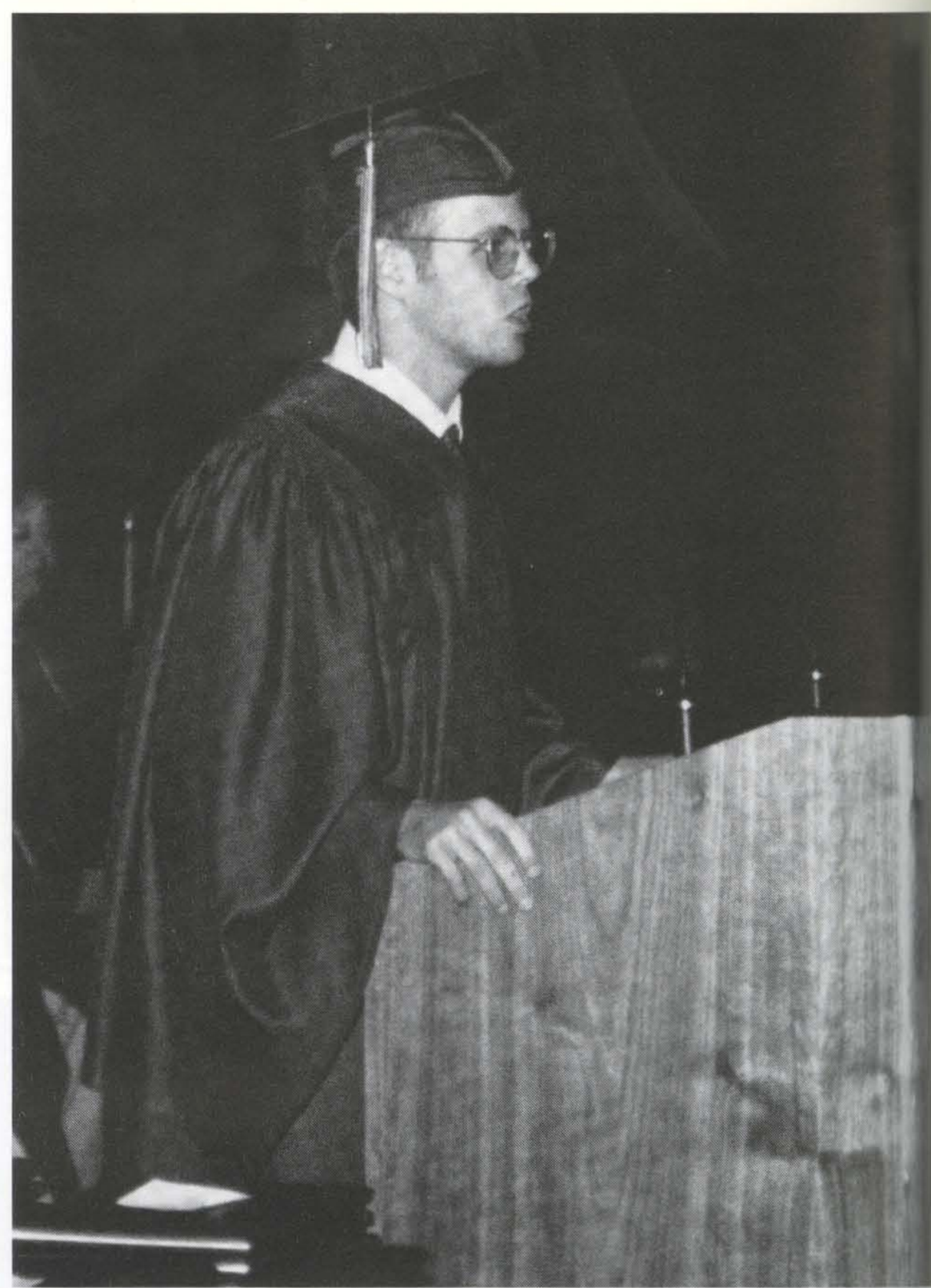




Left: Stephanie Te tries to ease some of the pre-ceremony tension by clowning around with Nancy Williams and Angie Warner. Warner turned out to be one of the few people around who was actually able to attach the flimsy collars to the gowns, and was consequently in high demand for the evening.

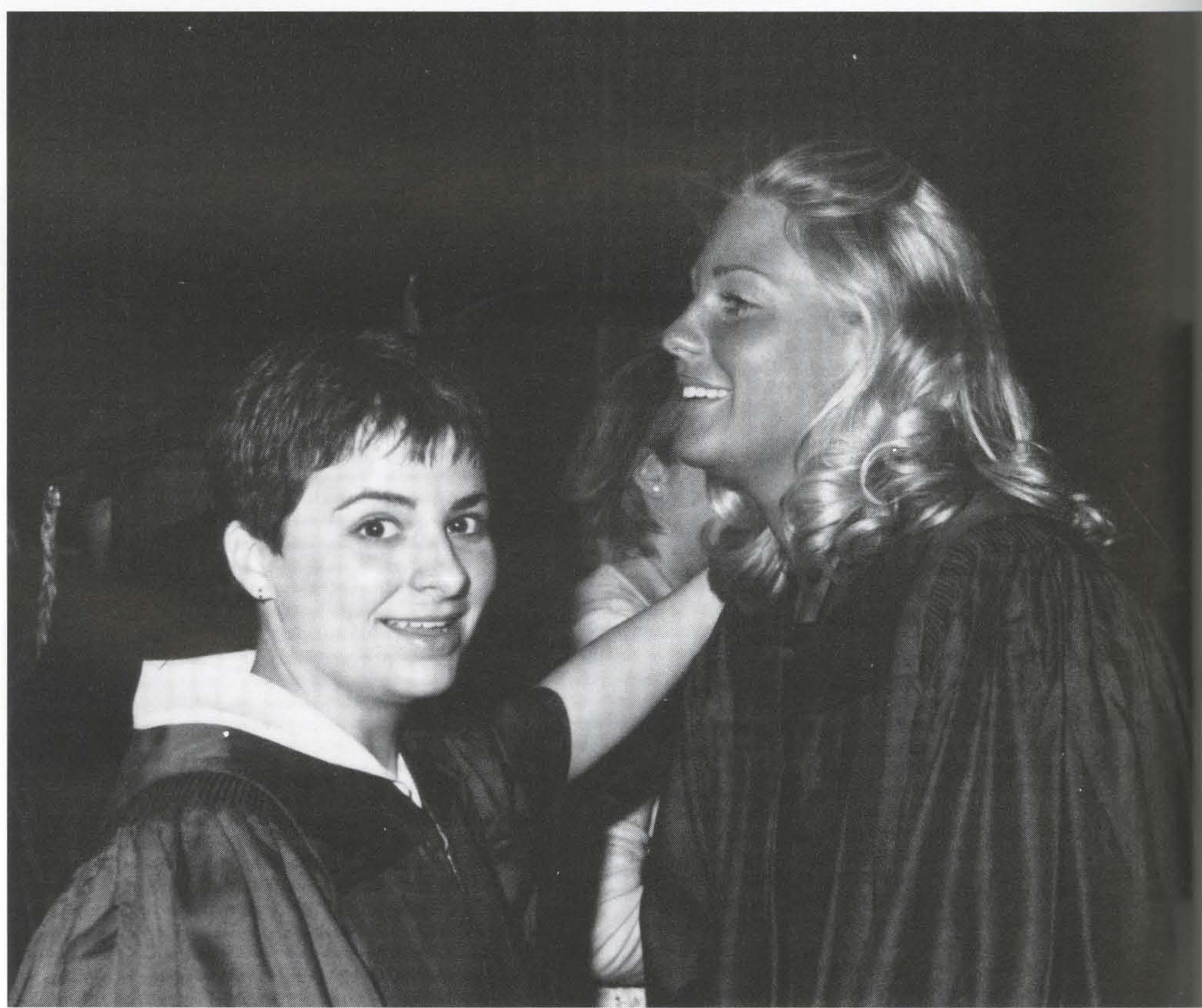
Right: Noah Larsen gives his graduation speech, which dealt with the subject of nonconformity in all things. He gave the advice to stand up and say "no" to the pressure to give in to society's demands instead of following your heart.





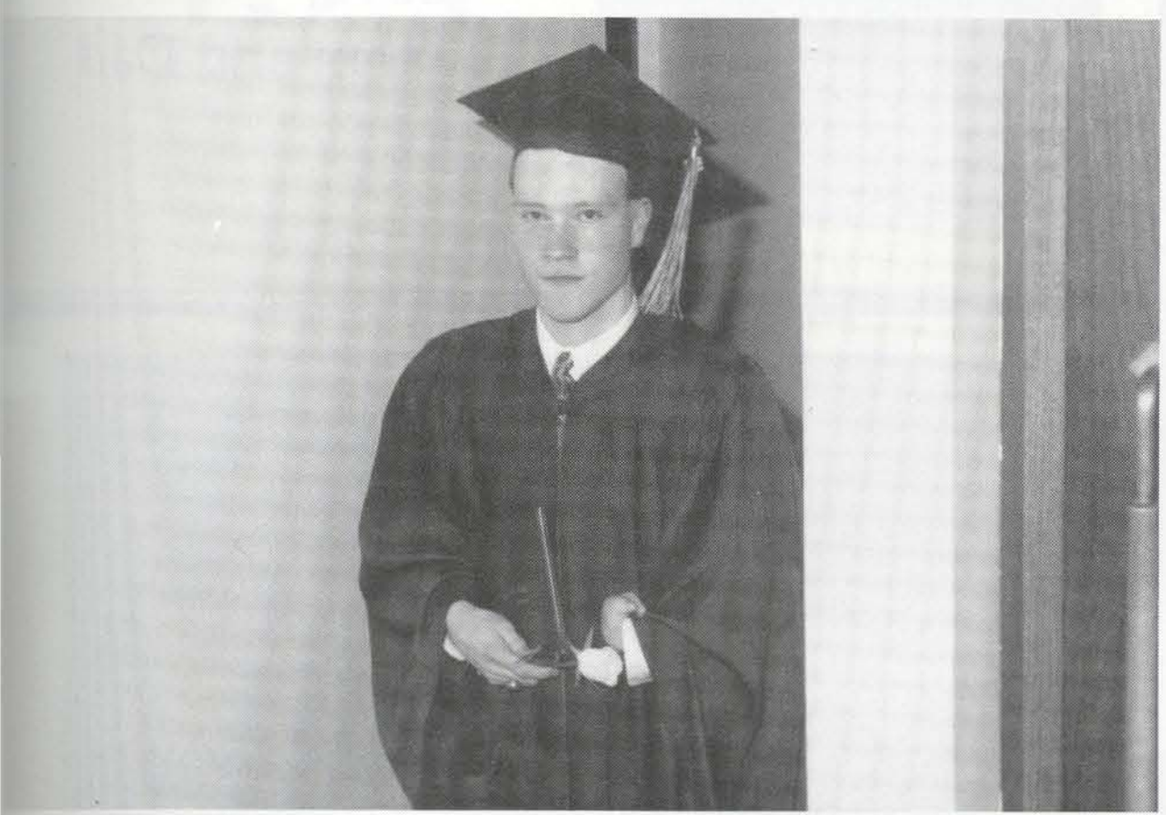
Above: Carrie Borowski and Mike Brown, proud new graduates, emerge from Braden Auditorium with diplomas and roses in hand.

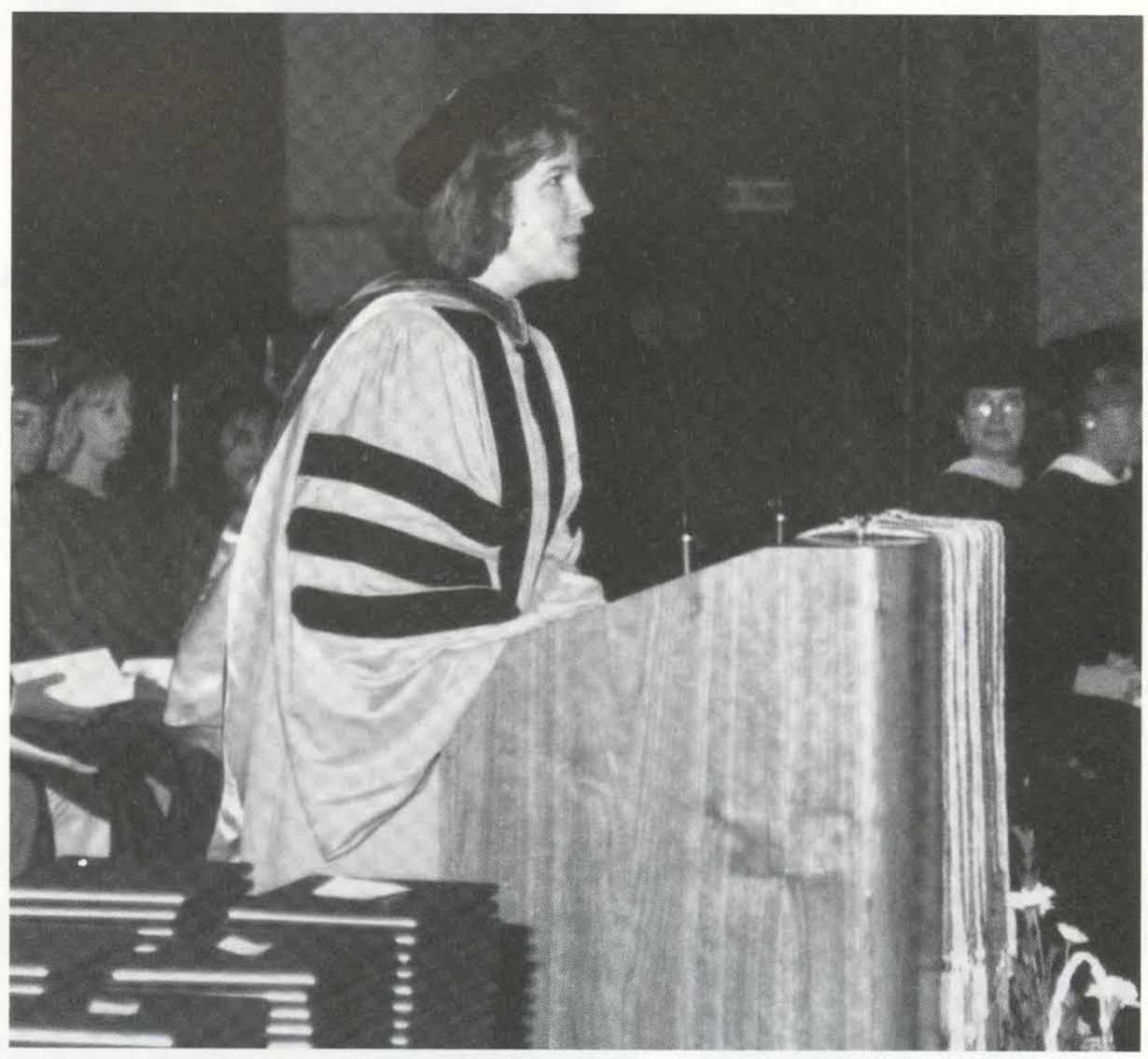
Right: Ryan Henderson and Jenelle Halm happily congratulate each other on making it through four years of high school with their sanity somewhat intact.

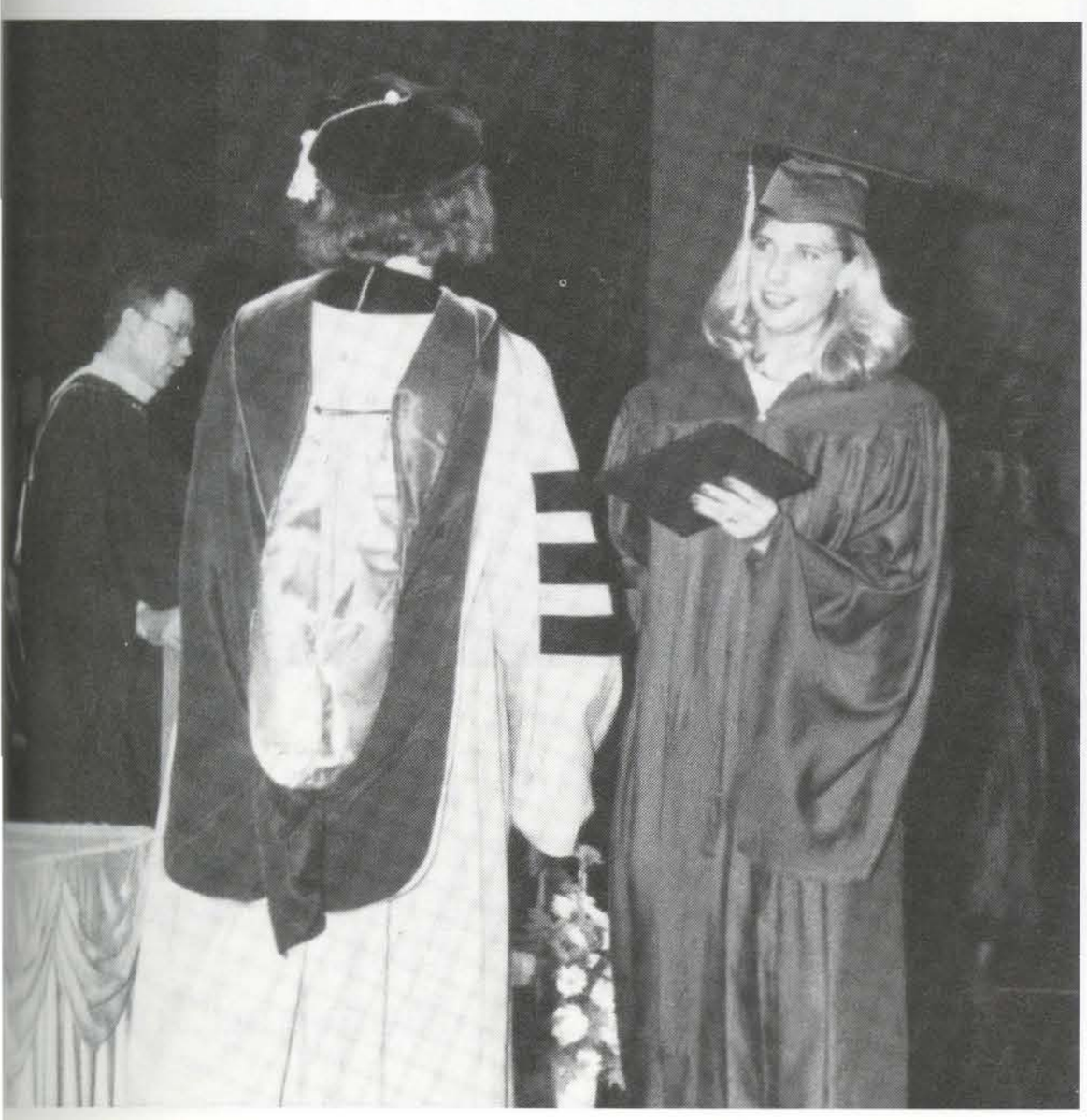


Left: "Ladies and gentlemen, may I present the Graduating Class of 1996!" The happy graduates proudly switched their tassles to the opposite side before tossing their caps in the air.

Below: Dr. Coolican says a few words in praise of the class before announcing the order of the four speakers.



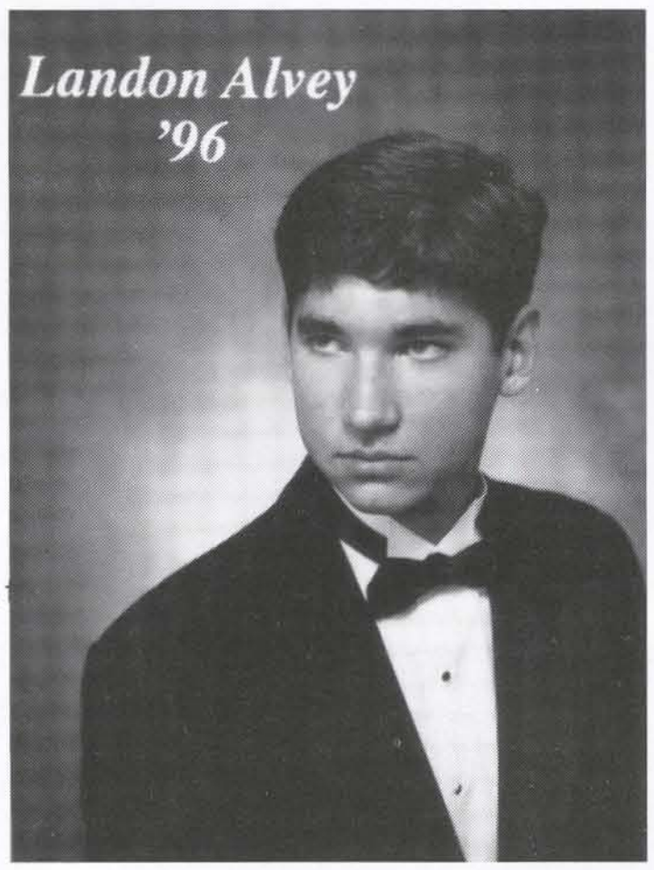




Above Left: Mike Ryan exits the auditorium after receiving his reward for four years of hard work. Ryan plans to go to the St. Crispin Friary to study to join the priesthood.

Left: Bridget Payne gladly receives a diploma, a handshake, and a white rose from Dr. Coolican.

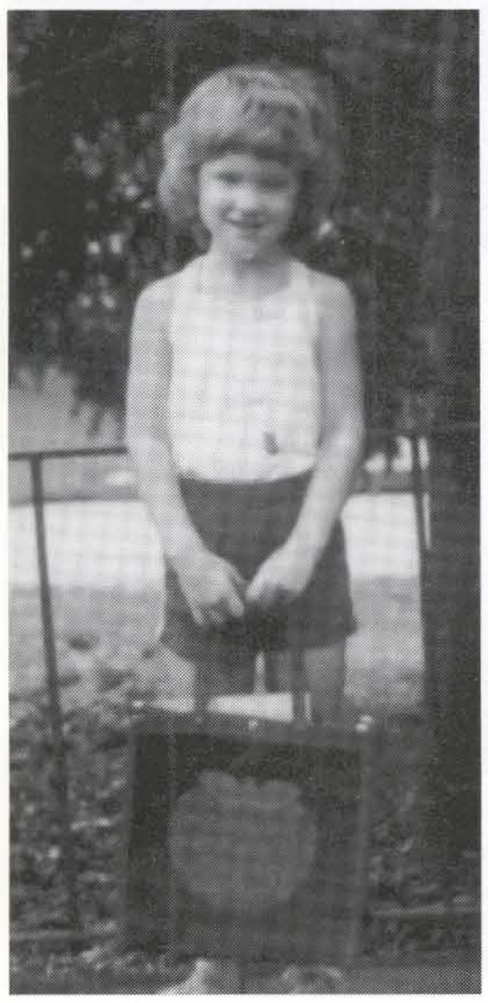
Landon,
**You always did have stars in your eyes!**



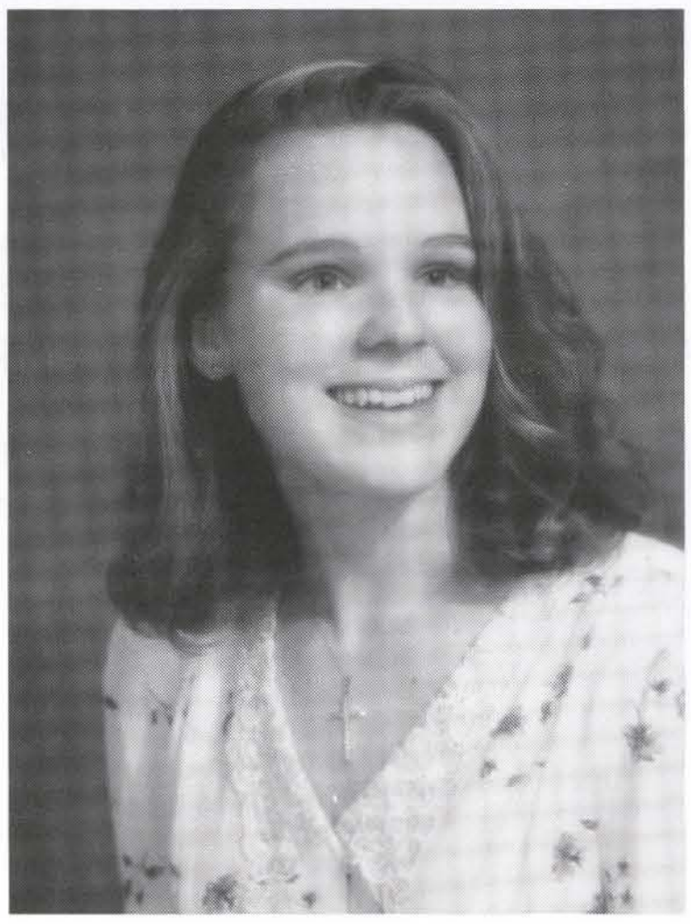

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lindie & Matt

It's time for you to fly Ry-Pie

Love,
Mom and Dad



Angela,
We are so very proud of you!
Good luck at Augie!!



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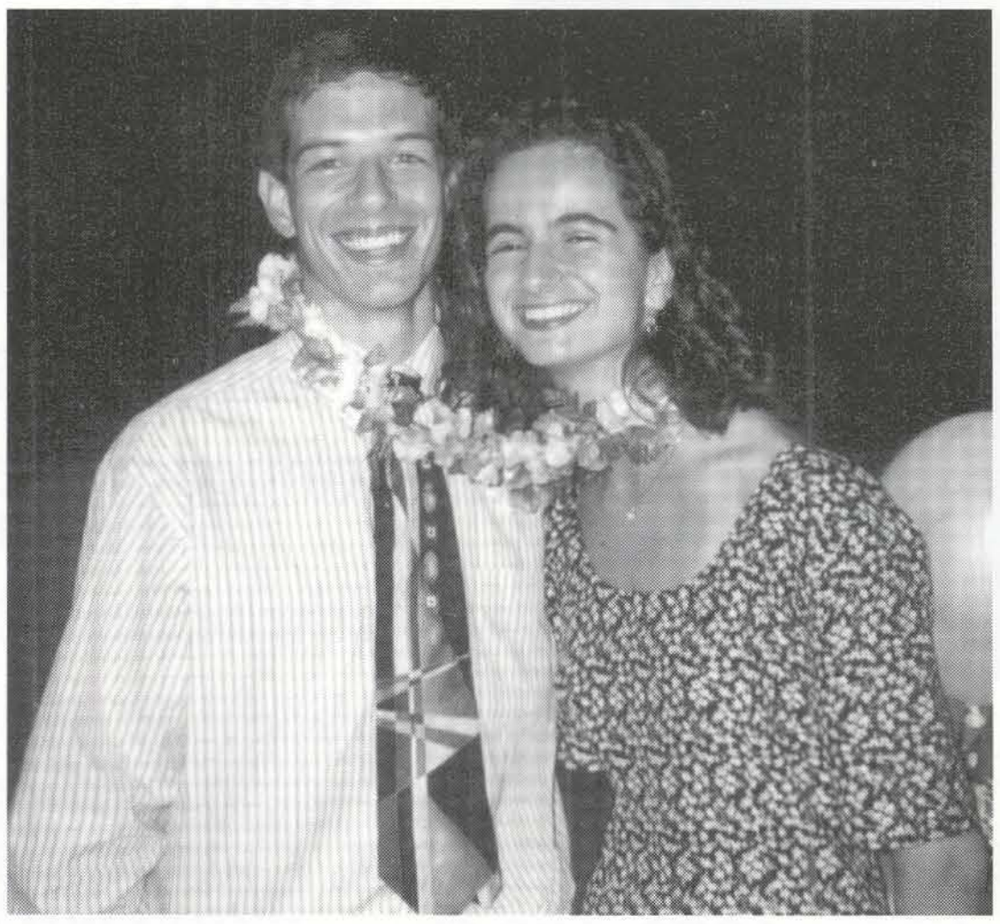

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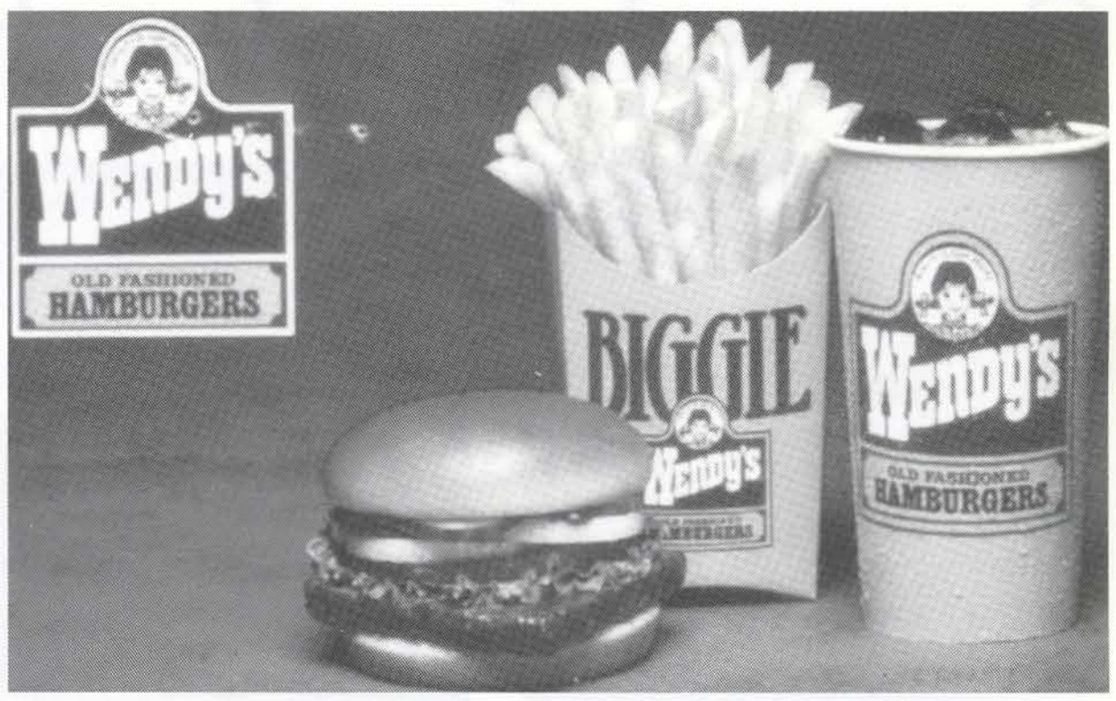


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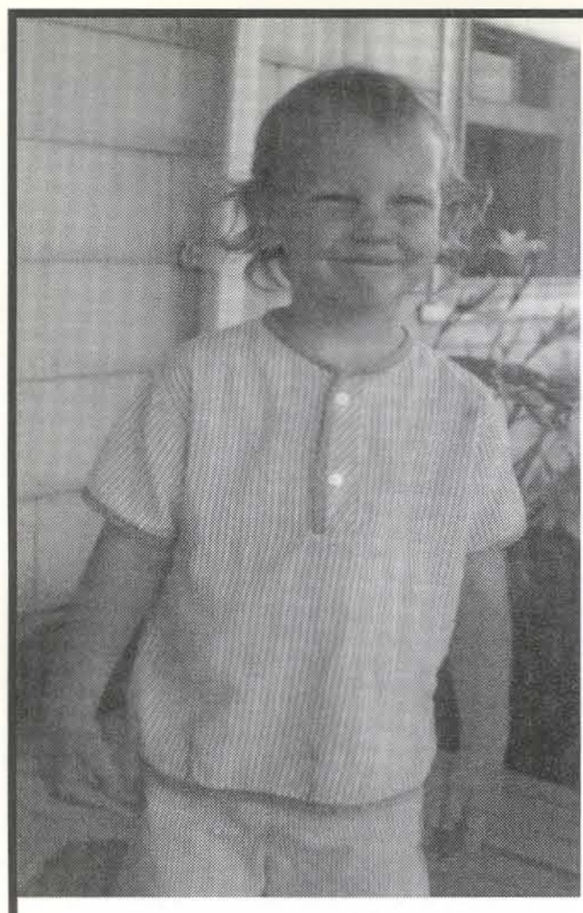
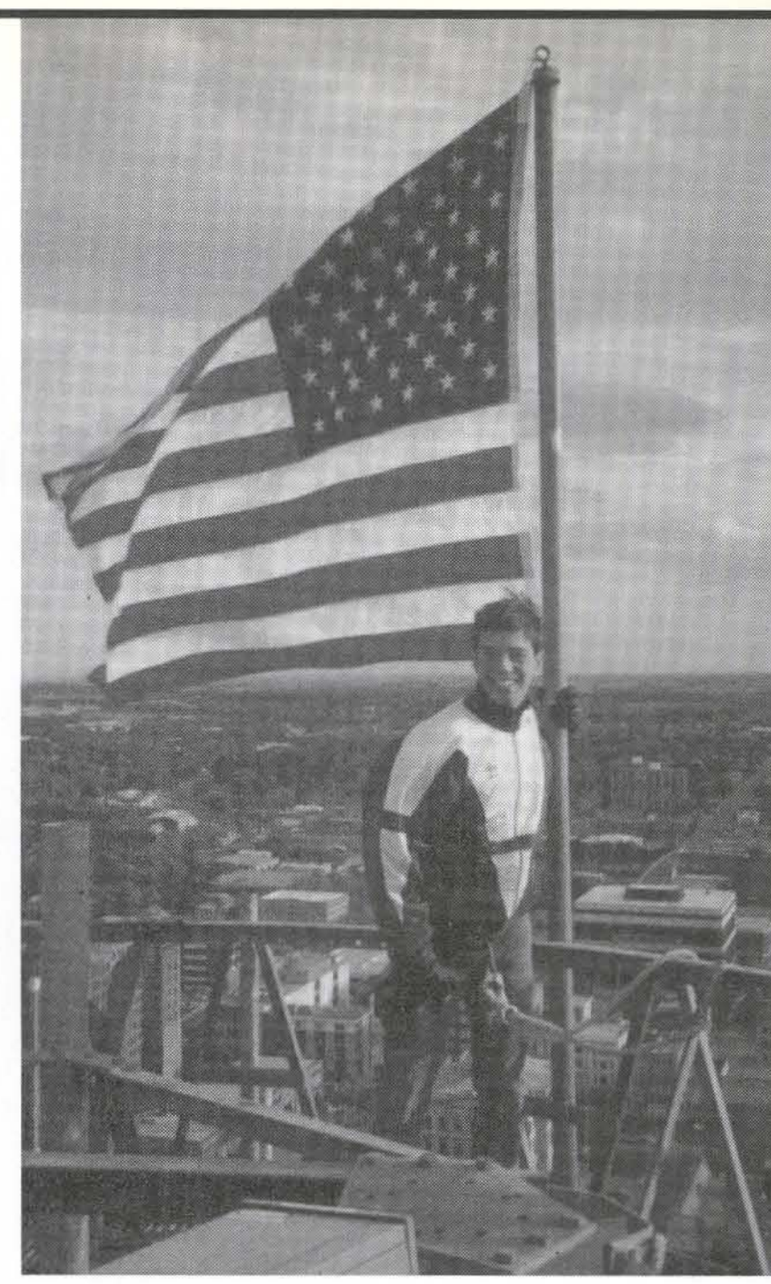


**Way to go, Andrew!**

And congratulations to all the Class of '96! May you find continued success!

(Thank you, U-High, for fourteen great years--Will, Christopher, Linnaea, and Andrew--1979-1996!)

The Schroeers (and Bismarck)



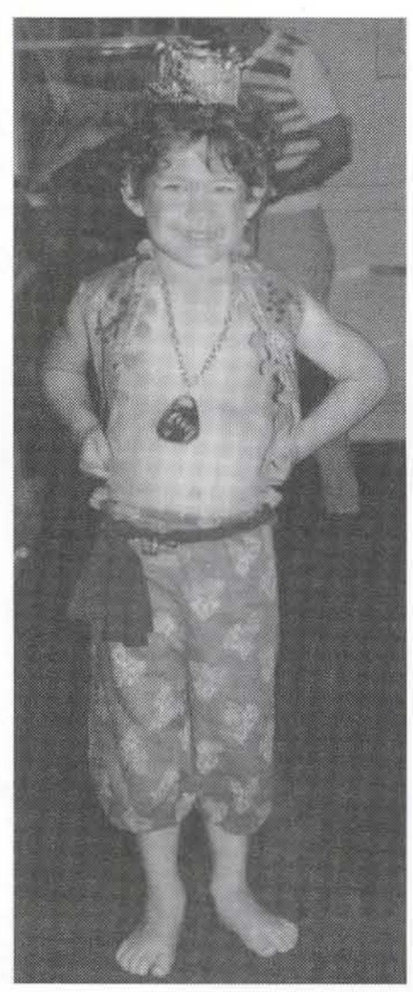
**Congratulations Tony!**

Congratulations Jerusha!

You've come a long way baby!

Love,

Your Family



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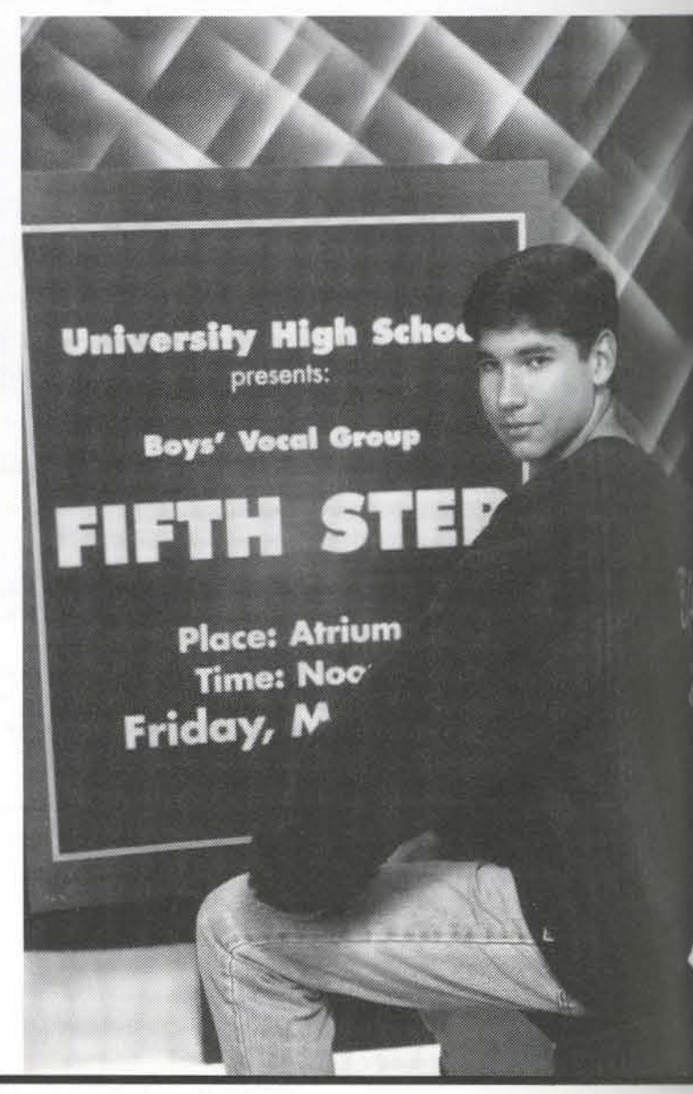


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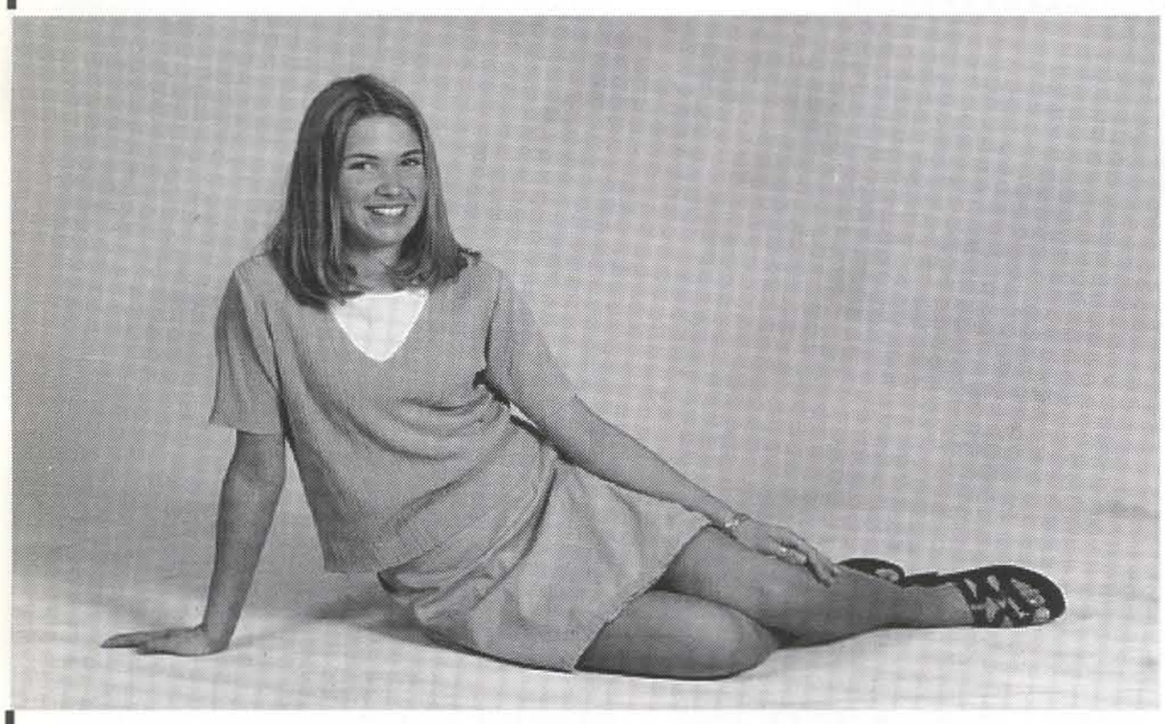

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